

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

- - -

MOTOROLA, INC., CISCO SYSTEMS, : Civil Action
INC., SCIENTIFIC-ATLANTIA, INC., :
ARRIS GROUP, INC., THOMSON, INC., :
AMBIT MICROSYSTEMS, INC., and :
NETGEAR, INC., :
:
Plaintiffs, :
v. :
:
REMBRANDT TECHNOLOGIES, LP, :
REMBRANDT TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, :
d/b/a REMSTREAM, : No. 07-752-GMS
:
Defendants. :
- - -

REMBRANDT TECHNOLOGIES, LP, :
and REMBRANDT TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, :
d/b/a REMSTREAM, :
:
Counter- :
Plaintiffs, :
:
v. :
:
MOTOROLA, INC., CISCO SYSTEMS, :
INC., SCIENTIFIC-ATLANTIA, :
INC., ARRIS GROUP, INC., :

(Caption Continues on Page 2)

- - -

Wilmington, Delaware
Wednesday, August 6, 2008
9:10 a.m.
- - -

BEFORE: HONORABLE GREGORY M. SLEET, Chief Judge

THOMSON, INC., AMBIT :
MICROSYSTEMS, INC., NETGEAR, :
INC., TIME WARNER CABLE LLC, :
TIME WARNER NY CABLE LLC, :

1 TIME WARNER ENTERTAINMENT- :
2 ADVANCE/NEWHOUSE PARTNERSHIP, :
3 TIME WARNER ENTERTAINMENT :
4 COMPANY, LP, COMCAST :
5 CORPORATION, COMCAST CABLE :
6 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, :
7 COXCOM, INC., CSC HOLDINGS, :
8 INC., CABLEVISION SYSTEMS :
9 CORPORATION, ADELPHIA :
10 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, :
11 CENTURI-TCI CALIFORNIA :
12 COMMUNICATIONS, LP, :
13 CENTURY-TCI HOLDINGS, LLC, :
14 COMCAST OF FLORIDA/PENNSYLVANIA, :
15 L.P. (f/k/a PARNASSOS, LP), :
16 ADELPHIA CONSOLIDATION, LLC, :
17 PARNASSOS HOLDINGS, LLC, :
18 WESTERN NY CABLEVISION, LP, :
19 SHARP CORPORATION and SHARP :
20 ELECTRONICS CORPORATION, :
21 :
22 Counter- :
23 Defendants. :
24 - - -
25

APPEARANCES:

COLLINS J. SEITZ, JR., ESQ., and
FRANCIS DiGIOVANNI, ESQ.

1 Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP

-and-

2 J.C. ROZENDAAL, ESQ.

Kellogg, Huber, Hanson,

3 Todd, Evans & Figel, P.L.L.C.

(Washington, D.C.)

-and-

4 JOHN F. SWEENEY, ESQ.,

5 SIEGRUN KOLMYKOV, ESQ.,

JAMES HWA, ESQ.,

6 ADAM RODRIGUEZ, ESQ., and

ZACHARY D. SILBERSHER, ESQ.

7 Morgan & Finnegan, LLP

(New York, NY)

8 Counsel for Rembrandt

9 JACK B. BLUMENFELD, ESQ., and

10 KAREN JACOBS LOUDEN, ESQ.

Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP

11 -and-

EDWARD R. REINES, ESQ., and

12 TIMOTHY DeMASI, ESQ.

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

13 (Redwood Shores, CA)

14 Counsel for ABC,

CBS and NBC

15 JACK B. BLUMENFELD, ESQ., and

16 KAREN JACOBS LOUDEN, ESQ.

Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP

17 -and-

DAVID S. BENYACAR, ESQ., and

18 DANIEL L. REISNER, ESQ.

Kaye Scholer LLP

19 (New York, N.Y.)

20 Counsel for Time Warner Cable

21
22
23
24 APPEARANCES CONTINUED:

25 JOHN W. SHAW, ESQ., and

JEFFREY CASTELLANO, ESQ.

1 Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP
2 -and-
3 JOHN DESMARAIS, ESQ., and
4 ERIC R. LAMISON, ESQ.
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
(San Francisco, CA)

Counsel for Motorola, et al.

- - -

:08:39

:08:39

:08:41

:08:49

:08:51

:08:52

:08:56

:08:58

:09:03

:09:07

:09:11

:09:13

:09:15

:09:18

:09:20

:09:26

:09:29

:09:35

:09:38

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

THE COURT: Good morning. Please take your
seats.

Counsel, I think we have the place to ourselves
today.

Let's pick up where we left off.

MR. DESMARAIS: Thank you, Your Honor.

We have, Mr. Seitz and I have agreed, with Your
Honor's permission, to essentially split the time today for
the remaining time, so that we can finish.

THE COURT: That works.

MR. DESMARAIS: Where we were yesterday, we were
talking about the '858 patent, which Your Honor will recall
is a patent to the network access unit. That is a picture
of it there in Figure 3. The idea being that you have
packet sources and synchronous data sources in the same
module connected to the bus. And then the unit interfaces
with the network. And you can see in the background of the
invention it talks about the network access unit messaging

1 the flow of data between the local communications network
2 and the network facility in both directions.

3 We covered the first term yesterday, which was
4 data communications apparatus. And I won't re-cover that
5 ground. That is the network access unit.

6 The first term was data communications
7 equipment, networking access unit.

8 The next two terms are bus and TDM bus across
9 the top, which you see there across the top, it connects the
10 packet modules and synchronous modules.

11 So first we will talk about what is a bus and
12 what is a TDM bus. You see bus in the claim. It is in all
13 of the independent claims. If you look at the two
14 constructions, it is our view that bus should get its
15 ordinary meaning. The patent uses the term in its ordinary
16 meaning, and its ordinary meaning is hardware lines --

17 THE COURT: I am not trying to be flip, Mr.
18 Desmarais. But yesterday I thought I heard you to say plain
19 and ordinary meaning is no meaning. That is what I took.

20 MR. DESMARAIS: Maybe I wasn't clear yesterday.
21 What I meant to say was the plain and ordinary meaning that
22 Rembrandt is proposing.

23 THE COURT: Their plain and ordinary meaning.

24 MR. DESMARAIS: Winds up being no meaning at
25 all.

:11:05 1 THE COURT: I didn't know if you were offering
:11:07 2 that as a general precept, some read on Phillips or
:11:10 3 something. I am being a little facetious.

:11:12 4 Go ahead.

:11:14 5 MR. DESMARAIS: I think it is an important
:11:16 6 point. Let me clarify what I meant by that. Plain and
:11:18 7 ordinary meaning, of course, is an accepted methodology for
:11:21 8 patent claims.

:11:22 9 THE COURT: It is.

:11:22 10 MR. DESMARAIS: But what does it mean, plain and
:11:25 11 ordinary meaning? That is what I was trying to get at
:11:28 12 yesterday. When you look at what Rembrandt is proposing as
:11:32 13 plain and ordinary meaning, what they do to a term that
:11:36 14 means something to the patent, how it is being used in the
:11:38 15 patent, and they have broken it out and they say plain and
:11:41 16 ordinary meaning, and then that winds up being an expansion
:11:44 17 of what the claim was really trying to get at.

:11:48 18 So I wasn't taking issue with the doctrine that
:11:50 19 from time to time plain and ordinary meaning is the right
:11:53 20 approach.

:11:53 21 THE COURT: I really didn't think you were. I
:11:56 22 was just having a little fun.

:12:00 23 MR. DESMARAIS: In this case, bus is such a
:12:03 24 generic term. If you look in the dictionary, our definition
:12:23 25 comes right out of the dictionary. That is the way the

1 patent uses the term. You look at Rembrandt's proposed
2 construction, one or more -- this is a good example of what
3 I was just saying. They take the words bus and they broaden
4 it out to one or more conductors that are used as a path for
5 transmitting information from any of several sources to any
6 of several destinations.

7 You look at that definition. They are calling
8 that plain meaning. What that does is broaden out the term
9 bus the way it is used in the patent to something that could
10 cover anything connected to anything anywhere.

11 That is the point I was trying to make. They
12 are calling it plain meaning. Really, what it is is a
13 dramatic expansion of what the patent is talking about.

14 If we look at what bus actually means, you go to
15 any dictionary, it says it's a set of hardware lines --
16 wires -- used for data transfer among the components of a
17 computer system.

18 That is the ordinary meaning of bus.

19 If you look at how the patent uses it, that is
20 exactly how the patent uses it. You see it in Figure 3,
21 where it is a wire connecting the different modules within a
22 device, and they call it the bus. Then you look at the
23 textual description at Column 3 and Column 8 -- I have blown
24 it up here -- it is a wire connecting modules.

25 The synchronous application modules couple

1 synchronous data equipment note shown the telephone
2 equipment, via the TDM bus as known in the art. Each of the
3 plurality of packet application modules couple packet data
4 equipment, a data terminal, to the TDM bus.

5 So it is a wire connecting modules within a
6 device. That is the way the patent uses it. That is the
7 way the dictionary uses it.

8 If we go to the next slide, this is the inventor
9 himself testifying that that is what they meant when they
10 use bus. They meant the back plane which interconnects the
11 modules. We are advancing, bus is a generic term, we are
12 using a dictionary, we are using it the way it is in the
13 specification. We think it is appropriate. This is a
14 particular type of bus, a TDM, or time division multiplexed
15 bus. So that adds a layer of definition on top of bus. You
16 can see the term used in Claim 1.

17 THE COURT: Is the plaintiffs' proposal
18 consistent with the specification?

19 MR. DESMARAIS: For bus or TDM bus?

20 THE COURT: For time division multiplexed bus.

21 MR. DESMARAIS: Here they say, Rembrandt is
22 proposing a bus having a bandwidth partitioned into a
23 defined repeated sequence of time slots that is shared by
24 two or more sources of data by limiting each source's
25 transmission opportunities to discrete intervals of time.

1 It is consistent. There is nothing that they
2 say in there that is wrong. I think what they are missing,
3 based on the way TDM -- in other words, it doesn't go far
4 enough. The way TDM is used in the patent specification,
5 they leave out the fact that in order for it to actually be
6 a TDM bus it has to be repeating snapshots of time slots.
7 In other words, there is a certain number of time slots and
8 then they repeat.

9 The other thing they are leaving out is that --
10 and I think they agreed to this yesterday in their
11 argument -- that any source, any one source can only use the
12 bus at any one time.

13 If you look at, if I can show you, in their own
14 tutorial yesterday, they showed you this picture. It was
15 animated. What they showed is time slots traveling across
16 the bus. And at any one snapshot of time, only one of those
17 sources gets to put something on the bus. That is the whole
18 point of it being time division, you are dividing the time
19 between sources.

20 So when you go back to the proposed
21 constructions, ours says that more clearly. It says, at the
22 bottom there, "...whereby only one data source can
23 successfully transmit over the bus at any one discrete
24 interval of time."

25 That is the key concept of a time division

1 multiplexed bus. The way they have written theirs leaves
2 open the opportunity for there to be more than one source
3 transmitting in a discrete time slot at a particular time,
4 although in their argument yesterday I thought I heard them
5 agree when they were discussing that animation that only one
6 source can use a bus at a particular point in time. So I
7 think we have agreement based on their oral comments. If
8 you look at the brief, the brief, I got the idea that they
9 were changing that.

10 So I think we are very close, that what's
11 missing from theirs is the said group of time slots repeat
12 periodically. So, in other words, you might have 1 through
13 6 and then 1 through 6 then 1 through 6. It is not 1
14 through infinity. There is a repeating methodology to the
15 bus.

16 THE COURT: You agree on that, the repeated
17 sequence of time slots, don't you?

18 MR. DESMARAIS: Yes. But if you look at ours,
19 see how it says on ours "a bus having a bandwidth
20 partitioned into a repeating sequence of time slots defined
21 to be used in the same way during the repetition."

22 So the way the bus is set up, you have slots 1
23 through 6 then 1 through 6 then 1 through 6. They have
24 defined uses, and those uses repeat. That is the only way
25 you can set it up in a system where you have different

1 sources trying to share the bus. There has to be a
2 protocol. They leave that out of theirs and they leave out
3 this point about -- or else they are not clear about one
4 source at a time. That is really where the dispute was.

5 If you look at the intrinsic evidence, I will go
6 through it quickly, because I think the points are pretty
7 clear. The bus described in this application has this
8 bandwidth partition into a repeating sequence of time
9 slots -- that is the key -- that can capture sole access.
10 You can see this in Column 6. You can see it in Column 7.
11 You capture the channel. "Once granted access, the packet
12 application module has sole access to the multiple access
13 packet channel for a period of time."

14 And that concept is repeated throughout.

15 You can see it, if you go to Slide 30, you can
16 actually see the figure, where you see Frame 1, Frame 2,
17 Frame 3 and Frame 4, and the meaning of those frames are
18 repeated in those chunks over time.

19 So then we can go to -- I am going to skip a
20 couple terms, Your Honor, just in the interests of time.
21 But you will see in the notebook that we have given you,
22 there is an index to the terms. They are all grouped. So
23 the slides are here with the intrinsic evidence that we
24 would argue. But I think, for the purpose of argument, the
25 themes will come out with the terms we have selected for

argument.

We will go to Slide 44, please.

I am on Slide 45 now. The term that I would like to discuss is shown here in Claim 1, the "plurality of packet data sources coupled to the time division multiplexed bus that share the allotted bandwidth for transmitting packet data." So it is the concept of how do these different sources share the bus that I would like to talk about now.

If you look at Rembrandt's proposed construction of this term, they disregard the key distinction over the prior art and the clear statements in the specification.

Let me go through that, and we will come back to what their proposed construction is. If we look at the specification and what the patent was trying to do about how you share the bus -- and this is something we talked about a little bit already, in contrast to the prior art way of doing it -- TDM buses, by the way, have been around for a long time. They contrasted their method in the prosecution history and in the specification that the '858 patent is directed to a system where different sources share the single TDM channel and they do that by eliminating the central packet manager. And they couldn't have been more clear. It was in the prosecution history and the specification.

What they say, in the prosecution history, "In

1 particular, multiple packet data sources share a single TDM
2 channel. As a result, no central packet manager is required
3 to aggregate the packet data."

4 This is Slide 47. This isn't a summary of
5 invention section. "This invention provides the following
6 advantages." The first one listed, no central packet
7 manager is required. And then it goes on. And then in the
8 detailed description: "In accordance with the inventive
9 concept, multiple packet application modules now share a
10 single TDM channel...packet manager is eliminated."

11 They are trying to run away from those
12 statements in the prosecution history with their proposed
13 construction -- excuse me, in the specification, they are
14 trying to run away from that with their proposed
15 construction.

16 It is all throughout the specification, this
17 concept of sharing the same channel and eliminating the
18 packet manager. We see in Column 2 and Column 4 that this
19 system "allows the packet application modules on the TDM bus
20 to share, and contend for, the entire TDM bandwidth
21 allocated to packet data."

22 What that means is, you have got this section of
23 the bus that is going to be dedicated to packet data.
24 Remember, this invention is, you are going to have packet
25 data and synchronous data using this bus. The way they do

1 it is they take a part of the bus and they dedicate that to
2 the packet data sources. Then they have the different
3 packet data sources trying to contend for who is going to
4 get access to the packet part of the bus. When one of them
5 gets access, they get the entire section of the bus for
6 themselves. That is what the patent is telling us here.

7 In particular, this packet dedicated portion of
8 the bandwidth is referred to as the multiple access packet
9 channel. Again, it's shared among these sources trying to
10 get onto the bus.

11 What the patent tells us is that, as I
12 mentioned, when one of those packet data sources gets access
13 to the bus, they get the full size of the packet part of the
14 bus for the time they are transmitting before another one
15 can transmit.

16 We see it again here at Column 5 and Column 6.
17 "As described above, each packet application module must
18 contend for the multiple access packet channel. If a packet
19 application module grabs the multiple access packet channel
20 that packet application module then transmits using the full
21 384 kilohertz of bandwidth."

22 That is one of the key concepts, and that is one
23 of the concepts that is lacking from Rembrandt's proposal.

24 You can see it also in the figures. This is
25 Figure 5, which is a good snapshot of what we are talking

about. Take Frame 1 across horizontally. That is the entire TDM bus. They divide it in this particular schematic down the middle. The left side is for packet sources. The right side is for synchronous sources.

So take just the left side, where you see that yellow. That left side of the bus is available for all of the packet sources to contend for. They have to fight over it. There is a protocol for getting access to it. As soon as one of them is granted access, they get the whole channel on the left there to send their packet, and then they have to contend again, and maybe another one will get it and they get the whole channel. That is how they are sharing the packet portion of the TDM bus. It is defined for them, and they have to fight for it. And when one of them gets it, they get the whole bandwidth of the packet source. That is what the invention was and the key distinction over the prior art.

If you look back at the constructions, you see these concepts missing from Rembrandt's.

Go back to Slide 46.

Our construction is, "without the need for a central packet manager" -- you recall, that was clearly enunciated in the specification -- "each packet data source treats the allotted bandwidth as a single channel by contending for use of the entire channel in which no time

1 slot is assigned to any particular packet data source."

2 That captures both concepts of how they were
3 distinguishing themselves over the prior art by having no
4 packet manager, and by having them, the packet sources,
5 contend for the bandwidth and the winner gets it all.

6 Where if you look at Rembrandt's construction,
7 they say, "more than one source of packet data that each use
8 time slots that are allotted to packet data." That is no
9 different from the prior art that the specification was
10 saying that the invention was different from.

11 Once again, this is the concept, the theme we
12 were talking about. They are calling their definition plain
13 meaning. What really they are doing is changing the
14 meaning, broadening it out and getting away from what they
15 actually invented here.

16 THE COURT: Could you allow the possibility that
17 there is no construction needed whatsoever of this
18 particular term?

19 MR. DESMARAIS: I think in this particular case
20 you can't, because if you look at what happened in the
21 specification, if you look at, say, Slide 47, they say under
22 summary of the invention, "In particular, multiple packet
23 data sources share a single TDM channel. As a result, no
24 central packet manager is required to aggregate the packet
25 data."

1 "This invention provides the following
2 advantages: no central packet manager is required," and
3 they go on. They say that over and over again.

4 So this is a situation where, in order to have
5 an invention in the first place, they had to change what it
6 means to be a TDM bus. They invented a particular kind of
7 TDM bus. And if we don't construe it, then we will be
8 arguing that to the jury, as to what it means, and
9 essentially we will be having a Markman at the jury trial.

10 If we go to Slide 52.

11 I would like to talk now about distributed
12 packet manager. It appears in Claim 1 and several of the
13 other claims.

14 If you look at the proposed constructions,
15 again, we see the concept of what the distributed packet
16 manager was, this was the solution for the prior art way of
17 doing it, which is a central packet manager. So the patent
18 said we are going to do it differently. We are going to
19 eliminate the central packet manager and distribute the
20 packet manager among the different modules. That is the
21 term we are looking at now. What is this distributed packet
22 manager?

23 And again, Rembrandt leaves out the key
24 inventive aspects of what this distributed manager is. They
25 leave out the fact that it was to get away from the central

1 packet manager. They leave out the key fact that the system
2 can't work if the distributed packet manager is not talking
3 to each other. That is how they decide who is going to get
4 onto the TDM bus.

5 And they leave out the concept that there is one
6 at a time access to the bus. You see those points in our
7 construction.

8 Our construction comes right from the intrinsic
9 evidence. This is what the invention was. If you look
10 right in the claim language of Claim 1, it says, "this
11 distributed packet manager allocates access to the allotted
12 bandwidth among the different packet sources."

13 So you have got the distributed packet manager
14 coordinating with the distributed packet managers in the
15 other modules, so that among them, when they talk, they can
16 decide who is going to get onto the bus in the first
17 instance.

18 Rembrandt's construction has each distributed
19 packet manager itself deciding whether to get on the bus,
20 and that's totally different from what the invention is and
21 what's described in the specification.

22 Rembrandt's argument in their briefs that the
23 distributed packet managers do not need to coordinate among
24 themselves is contrary to the specification as well, not
25 just the claims. If you look at Column 8, it says, very

1 clearly, "To implement this slotted-access method" -- they
2 are not saying one way to do it. They are saying to
3 implement it -- "two additional signals are bussed between
4 the packet application modules. It is assumed these signals
5 are bussed among the packet application modules..."

6 That is the point. The modules have to speak to
7 each other to decide who is going to get on the bus to make
8 use of this access of all of the bandwidth.

9 The second concept that they leave out of the
10 construction is this point that we made with respect to the
11 earlier claim. The whole invention here was to distribute
12 these packet managers, so you remove the central packet
13 manager. If you look again in the summary of the invention,
14 "As a result, no central packet manager is required to
15 aggregate the packet data."

16 Then they say, "...the packet manager is
17 eliminated."

18 These are the concepts that Rembrandt's alleged
19 plain meaning construction essentially does away with. And
20 it was, in fact, what the entire invention was about.

21 If we go back to the competing constructions on
22 Slide 54, they would have their construction be, "A device,
23 process or algorithm located within each packet data source,
24 that controls how the packet data source accesses the time
25 division multiplexed bus."

1 That totally leaves out the fact that there is
2 no central packet manager and that they have to talk among
3 themselves to even have the communication. It refers to the
4 communication, but then ignores the central concept.

5 When you look at ours, it comes right from the
6 intrinsic evidence, which is, it is a "component within each
7 packet data source" -- and we agree on that -- "that permits
8 it to share the allotted bandwidth, without the need for
9 centralized packet manager, by communicating with other
10 packet data sources to control" which of these data sources
11 can access the bandwidth. Again, it is right from the
12 specification. It is right from the background of the
13 invention. It is right from the summary of the invention.
14 And it's required by the claims.

15 The next two terms that I would like to treat
16 together go to one of the key concepts in the patent, which
17 is packet data and synchronous data. You see the terms are
18 used in all the claims, packet data and synchronous data in
19 Claim 7.

20 If you look at the constructions, Rembrandt
21 would propose constructions that do away, again, with the
22 central concept here.

23 What the concept here of this invention was was
24 you would have a device that could deal with synchronous
25 data, on the one hand, and packet data, on the other hand.

1 What the distinction is that's pointed out in the
2 specification is one collection of that data travels in
3 packets, and one collection of that data doesn't travel in
4 packets. That is the whole theme of the specification, how
5 do we deal with packet data in a system where we also have
6 data that is not packetized.

7 If you look at their constructions, they do away
8 with that concept entirely. They call packet data variable
9 bit data and they call synchronous data constant bit rate
10 data, totally eliminating the distinction that is clear on
11 the face. One is called packet data and one is non-packet
12 data. That is the concept they are trying to get around.

13 In fact, yesterday in the argument Mr. Seitz
14 said, well, synchronous data could also be packetized. That
15 doesn't even make any sense. If synchronous data is
16 packetized, then it is packet data, totally eliminating the
17 distinction between packet data and synchronous data. That
18 was his argument yesterday. He said you could have
19 synchronous data that is packetized. But if you read the
20 patent specification, they clearly say that you can't do
21 that.

22 If you look at Slide 65, I think it makes the
23 point pretty clearly.

24 In the network access unit that is described as
25 part of the invention, they have four different modules.

Two of them are packet application modules, and two of them are synchronous application modules. If Rembrandt's construction was correct that the synchronous application modules could also be packetized, then this entire invention doesn't make any sense, because the point of the invention was, how do you deal with synchronous data versus packet data in the different pieces of equipment. You see that right in the summary of the invention: "I have realized an alternative approach to the design of TDM-based equipment that supports both synchronous data and packet data."

He is drawing a distinction between data that is packetized and data that isn't.

If you look at Column 1, for example, the "support of synchronous data provides the ability to make telephone or voice calls, while the support of packet data provides the ability to interwork with public network packet services," again, drawing a distinction not between the bit rates. The bit rates have nothing to do with it. The distinction is, one is packetized and one is synchronous. That's the key distinction.

Packetized data is packaged in an envelope called a packet. It goes through the system with a particular protocol. Synchronized data is just a steady stream of data that has no packets, no packaging, and you have to deal with those two things very differently in this

1 equipment. That is why all through the specification, the
2 inventors said, you have got packet data and you have got
3 synchronous data.

4 Then if you look at the deposition of the
5 inventor, of course, he says that as well, "Circuit
6 switching is data that flows through a circuit switch
7 synchronously. Packet switching is packet data."

8 Then if you look at the figures in the patent,
9 it couldn't be more clear. Figure 5, one side is dedicated
10 to packets. And you see packets traveling over the bus.
11 The other side is just open time slots, no packetization.
12 If you pull back and look at the description, they do say,
13 Column 5 there, variable bit length. And Rembrandt seizes
14 on the word variable bit and says packets are variable bit
15 rates. That is doing away with the real distinction here.
16 It says variable bit length packets. This allows a packet
17 to be spread across time slots with multiple TDM frames.
18 The issue being, the distinction is packet, not variable bit
19 rate.

20 In fact, if you look at the prosecution history,
21 you can see the Patent Office had that understanding as
22 well. When they rejected the invention over the prior art,
23 the patent examiner said, "Figure 1 shows a
24 telecommunication network with a plurality of nodes, of both
25 circuit switched type (synchronous data sources) and packet

switched type (packet data sources)."

So the examiner picked up on the distinction, which is you have got one type of data which is packets and one type of data which isn't, which is synchronous or circuit switched.

So when you go back to the proposed constructions, it is pretty clearly what is going on. We proposed the constructions that map what the invention is. Packet data is data that travels in packets. Synchronous data is data that is synchronously without packetization. Theirs, variable bit rate, doesn't say anything about it being in the packet. That is in the patent. For synchronous bit rate they say "constant bit rate data." That doesn't appear in the specification. That doesn't appear in the dictionaries. They made that up out of whole cloth.

It is true, I will give you one maybe possible term of agreement, I agree that packet data does have a variable bit rate, so if you wanted to modify our construction to pick up on theirs, you could say -- you could insert variable bit rate in front of our construction and say variable bit rate data that travels in packets, if you want to do that. That is sort of a compromise.

But you have to have the packet concept, because that is what the whole difference was between the two

1 sources of data.

2 That brings us to the last term I will do in
3 this patent, which is "portion." There is a bunch of terms
4 that use this phrase portion, portion, a first portion, a
5 second portion, having a bandwidth, things of that nature.
6 I really want to just talk about what it means to be a
7 portion. If we go to Slide 73.

8 What Rembrandt is trying to do with the word
9 portion is again leave open the possibility that portion
10 actually means all, which doesn't make any sense in the
11 context of this invention. The bus is separated into two
12 portions. One is the portion for packet data and one is the
13 portion for synchronous data.

14 You can see that in Slide 77. In Slide 77, you
15 see how the bus here is divided. We have seen this figure
16 several times. Half the bus is for packet data in this
17 figure. Half the bus is for synchronous data.

18 That's the whole point of the invention: How
19 are synchronous data and packet data going to be shared on
20 this bus? So the claims talk in terms of a portion of the
21 bus is for packet data. And when you look at the proposed
22 constructions on Slide 73, you see that we propose, again,
23 the plain meaning of what it means to be a portion. It is a
24 fixed amount less than the whole. Less than the whole being
25 the key concept. Rembrandt says a part of a whole. Then,

1 if you look in their briefing, what they are trying to leave
2 open is, it could be the whole part of the whole, because
3 they want to argue that our system, which only has packet
4 data in it, so the whole bus is being used for packet data,
5 they want to argue is infringed because they are going to
6 argue that portion means whole. And it doesn't even make
7 any sense. It is changing the common, ordinary meaning of
8 the word portion.

9 THE COURT: Did I understand you to say that
10 plain and ordinary meaning may be appropriate?

11 MR. DESMARAIS: For this particular one, for the
12 word "portion," right. And that's all I have on this
13 patent, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Desmarais.

15 MR. ROZENDAAL: May it please the Court, I want
16 to address just a few points briefly in response, Your
17 Honor, starting with the synchronous data versus packet data
18 distinction.

19 I think it is important to understand that TDM
20 buses were used traditionally for synchronous data, which
21 meant that time slots could be rigidly assigned to
22 particular data sources and the system would work just fine
23 because the data would arrive regularly and the bus would be
24 used efficiently. It doesn't matter whether the data going
25 onto the bus is in a packet or not in a packet as long as it

1 arrives at regular intervals.

2 The problem arises when you have data that comes
3 in fits and starts. So, for example, when you are
4 searching, when you are surfing the web, you send out a
5 request for data to a web page, there is a burst of data,
6 the web page is downloaded, there is a burst of data. Then
7 while you are reading the web page, there are periods when
8 no data or not a lot of data is going back and forth.

9 That is to be contrasted, with, for example, a
10 voice call, where there are constantly little slices of your
11 voice being sent across the network.

12 So what matters, for purposes of the patent, the
13 contrast between synchronous data and packet data is really
14 the contrast between synchronous data and asynchronous data,
15 constant bit rate data and variable bit rate data. And if
16 there were any doubt about that, it is eliminated by the
17 plain statement in the specification at Column 1, Lines 9
18 and 10. There is synchronous data and there is variable bit
19 rate data, such as frame relay.

20 The patent says -- and for the rest of the
21 patent we are going to call the variable bit rate data
22 packet data. But it doesn't matter. The problem is not
23 caused by the data being in packets or not being in packets.
24 The problem is caused by the data coming in fits and starts,
25 or coming in bursts.

:40:54 1 So that is why the key feature of asynchronous
:41:01 2 data is the variable bit rate. The key feature of packet
:41:04 3 data as that term is used in the patent is that it is
:41:07 4 variable.

:41:09 5 Synchronous data is regular data. It doesn't
:41:10 6 matter whether it is in packets or not.

:41:13 7 We see that played out here in a slide that Mr.
:41:19 8 Desmarais used. He emphasizes the packet dedicated portion
:41:24 9 of the bandwidth is referred to as the multiple access
:41:26 10 packet channel which is shared among at least two packet
:41:29 11 application modules. This is in contrast to allocating a
:41:34 12 fixed fraction of the TDM bandwidth to each packet
:41:38 13 application module.

:41:40 14 That last sentence, the one that is not
:41:41 15 emphasized, is what you do to the synchronous application
:41:44 16 modules.

:41:44 17 When the data is arriving regularly, you assign
:41:47 18 a fixed set of time slots to each packet application module.
:41:52 19 Only when it is variable bit rate do they have to share in
:41:56 20 order to make efficient use of the bus.

:42:01 21 Again, even using, again, Mr. Desmarais's own
:42:05 22 example, synchronous data provides the ability to make
:42:09 23 telephone, i.e., voice calls, while the support of packet
:42:12 24 data provides the ability to interwork with the public
:42:14 25 network packet services -- this is exactly the same

1 distinction that I was pointing to before. The voice calls
2 which send data at regular intervals can be assigned time
3 slots in a fixed manner, whereas surfing the Internet is a
4 kind of application that causes data to come at a variable
5 bit rate and therefore requires the packet data sources to
6 share the bandwidth.

7 So the key feature, the key question is, is the
8 data source sending data synchronously at regular intervals,
9 or is it sending it as a variable bit rate? And whether the
10 data is packetized or not makes no difference. If this was
11 an embodiment in the specification, the disclosed embodiment
12 was one in which they had old-fashioned telephone signals
13 that were not in packets and that were sent synchronously,
14 and it had data sources that were sent at a variable bit
15 rate which happened to be in packets, but it doesn't follow
16 from that. It doesn't follow from the fact that the
17 particular embodiment used to describe the invention had
18 packets for one and non-packets for the other, that doesn't
19 change the fact that what matters is whether the data is
20 sent synchronously or is sent at a variable bit rate. And
21 the Court in Texas recognized that.

22 Now, this slide here is a nice transition, I
23 hope, between the question of synchronized and asynchronous
24 data. Here again we illustrate that we have synchronous
25 data like phone calls where it is possible to assign time

1 slots rigidly to each of these data sources, whereas the
2 asynchronous data sources that send data in fits and starts
3 need to share a portion of the bandwidth in order to use the
4 bandwidth efficiently.

5 THE COURT: So essentially, synchronous data can
6 be packetized.

7 MR. ROZENDAAL: Yes, that is our point.

8 Moving from that to the question of the central
9 packet manager and whether there has to be one or doesn't
10 have to be one, the central packet manager was used in the
11 prior art, or described in the prior art as a central
12 traffic cop where all of the data from all of the packet
13 sources got sent to a central place before being put onto
14 the bus.

15 What this patent describes is a system in which
16 two key features of the central packet manager are done
17 locally, the aggregation of the packet data, which is to
18 say, if there is a traffic jam, the data packet is waiting
19 to get on the bus, are held locally where they are generated
20 rather than being sent to a central storage place, and
21 synchronizing the packet data to the TDM bus, which means
22 that the packet data can find its time slots directly
23 without being sent to a central place to be all synchronized
24 onto the bus.

25 The Court will search in vain for any statement

1 of any other function of the distributed packet manager in
2 the specification. And we agree that the distributed packet
3 manager has to perform those two functions.

4 The game that the defendants are trying to play,
5 respectfully, is to define the terms in such a way that
6 there can't be any central packet manager needed for
7 anything at all. And as I stand here, I don't know exactly
8 what their central packet manager does. But it's a fair
9 bet, from their insistence on this term, that they have got
10 some central function and they say we need it and they are
11 going to use that as a noninfringement argument.

12 Again, turning to the slides used by Mr.
13 Desmarais, his underlining stops just before the key points
14 of the specification. He says, no central packet manager is
15 required. What the specification says is, no central packet
16 manager is required to synchronize packet data to the TDM
17 bus.

18 Later he put up another slide. He said no
19 central packet manager is required. What it said is no
20 central packet manager is required to aggregate the packet
21 data. We agree with that. We agree that aggregating and
22 synchronizing has to be done on a distributed basis. He
23 then goes on to say in his underlining, "and the packet
24 manager is eliminated," is describing the embodiment that
25 was described in the specification. We agree that in that

1 particular embodiment they didn't have any central packet
2 manager at all. It doesn't follow from that that you can't
3 ever have a system without a central packet manager. What
4 matters is that the distributed packet managers do the
5 aggregating and they do the synchronizing.

6 On the question, just briefly, of whether the
7 distributed packet managers need to talk to one another,
8 that again is simply a feature of the preferred embodiment
9 or the disclosed embodiment. It's not required anywhere in
10 the claims.

11 As I suggested yesterday, they could just wait
12 for there to be silence on the line and then jump in. There
13 is no need for them to talk to each other. In fact, the
14 Ethernet bus, which is widely used, uses that kind of system
15 where they wait for silence and then take turns hopping on.

16 And a final point, Mr. Desmarais said several
17 times, in describing Figure 5 of the patent, that there are
18 patent channels on the left side and synchronous data
19 channels on the right-hand side. I just wanted to point
20 out, this portion of the specification at Column 11, Line 6
21 through 12, which emphasizes that there could be many
22 different packet channels and many different possibly
23 synchronous channels using different sets of time slots on
24 the line. So here where we have Slots 1 through 6 allocated
25 to one set of packet data sources, the specification tells

1 us we could have the next, 7 through 12, also allocated to a
2 different set of packet data sources. And that is what
3 makes us nervous about some of the constructions where they
4 talk about a set of packet data sources using the whole
5 bandwidth allocated to packet data.

6 Our concern is you could have multiple
7 channels, and we suspect they do have multiple channels with
8 different sets of packet data sources. And we want to avoid
9 a suggestion that there has to be just one big fat packet
10 channel and one big fat synchronous channel.

11 If the Court has no questions, I have completed.

12 MR. DESMARAIS: May I just make two points, Your
13 Honor? Just to crystallize this issue on synchronous versus
14 packet.

15 I think I showed this slide, 65. If Rembrandt
16 was correct, they eliminate the key distinction of the
17 invention. It says here in the summary of the invention,
18 this is Slide 65 of my presentation, "I have realized an
19 alternative approach to the design of TDM-based equipment
20 that supports both synchronous data and packet data."

21 What they are saying, if you buy their
22 construction, is that synchronous data can be packet data.
23 So we would cross out "synchronous" and we would write
24 "packet" here and this would read, I have realized an
25 alternative approach to the design of TDM-based equipment

1 that supports both packet data and packet data. And we
2 would go to the figure, which is the key figure of the
3 invention, and change these to packet data modules, and we
4 have no invention whatsoever.

5 The invention is cast entirely in the
6 specification from front to back as how do we deal with
7 packet data and synchronous data. If synchronous data can
8 be packetized, the specification makes zero sense and the
9 summary of the invention is totally wrong.

10 When you look at their construction, when you
11 look at the two words packet data and synchronous data, the
12 distinction that jumps out at you is one of them is a packet
13 and one of them isn't.

14 If you look at their definitions, they have
15 taken packet out of the definition entirely. Why can't this
16 be variable bit rate data in packets?

17 And constant bit rate data appears nowhere in
18 the specification. You can read it cover to cover. That
19 phrase, I don't even know where they get it. They didn't
20 put in a dictionary. They didn't say it was the plain
21 meaning of synchronous. They didn't put in a dictionary. I
22 can't find those words in the specification. They are not
23 in the figures. They are not in the prosecution history.
24 They made it up. The distinction here is packet versus
25 synchronous.

1 So you look at our construction, it's data that
2 travels in packets. If you want to say it is variable bit
3 rate, that's fine. But the key concept is it's in packets.
4 And under synchronous, it is data sent synchronously -- we
5 don't need "through TDM." It can be TDM. But the issue is,
6 without packets.

7 If you read the patent specification, nothing
8 comes through more clearly than that. It is packets versus
9 synchronous.

10 THE COURT: Why don't you leave those there.

11 Counsel, reaction?

12 MR. ROZENDAAL: Your Honor, I don't think we
13 have a problem with variable bit rate data and packet. I
14 don't think that is the problem.

15 The problem is that without packetization is
16 something that we can't live with, because we don't think it
17 is accurate. It is not required by the specification.

18 THE COURT: Again, why isn't it accurate?

19 MR. ROZENDAAL: It is not accurate because
20 whether the data is in packets or not, as long as it is sent
21 synchronously, as long as it is sent in regular intervals,
22 it is possible to allocate time slots to individual data
23 sources and efficiently use the line. So if you have a
24 voice phone call where your voice is chopped up several
25 times a second, assigned to different time slots in the

1 line, it will work just fine regardless of whether the data
2 is in packets or not.

3 At the time of the invention, voice calls were
4 not done using packets. Today, they are. On the
5 defendants' systems they are, but they are sent
6 synchronously. And the assignment is made in such a way
7 that there is not the same kind of sharing as you have with
8 the variable bit rate data, for example, used for Internet
9 surfing. That is the key distinction.

10 So again, we have a situation where the problem
11 arises because some data comes in bursts, what the patent
12 calls packet data comes in bursts or at a variable bit rate,
13 and other data comes regularly. But as long as the data is
14 coming regularly, you don't need this invention. You can
15 just assign the time slots to data sources in the
16 old-fashioned way and everything will work fine. It is the
17 variable bit rate. It is the burstiness of the data that
18 creates the need for the invention.

19 THE COURT: Is there anything you wanted to say
20 about the first slide there?

21 MR. ROZENDAAL: The first slide.

22 Yes. We are not saying -- this gets things
23 backwards. What we are saying is that the patent tells us
24 that the word packet data in this context means variable bit
25 rate data. What he is saying is, I have realized an

1 alternative approach to the design that supports both
2 synchronous data and asynchronous or variable bit rate data.

3 We see that, again, we see that in this same
4 callout. The synchronous is sort of in gray, it is hard to
5 read, but he says we have got synchronous data on the one
6 hand and we have got variable bit rate data on the other
7 hand. And the variable bit rate data, he tells us, I am
8 going to refer to as packet data.

9 So if we look at this slide, rather than cross
10 out synchronous, we would leave synchronous, synchronous is
11 fine, and where we see packet, we would say variable bit
12 rate, which is what the patent says. That is what the
13 patent tells us to do.

14 THE COURT: All right. You can give that to Mr.
15 Desmarais.

16 MR. DESMARAIS: I think the only --

17 THE COURT: That's it, counsel. Let's not push
18 it.

19 MR. ROZENDAAL: We are moving on to the '819.

20 The next patent we are considering is the '819
21 patent, which is thematically related to the patent we just
22 considered. It is a different set of inventors, different
23 specification, but generally dealing with problems
24 associated with time division multiplexing. So we still
25 have a TDM bus at the heart of the invention.

1 The problem that the '819 patent addresses has
2 to do with guard time. I think, as we spoke about earlier,
3 different data sources -- in the '819 patent the data
4 sources are treated as individual applications within a
5 modem. So time slots are allocated not just to modems but
6 to applications within a modem, programs within a modem.
7 And each program is given a set of time slots or it can
8 contest for and request a set of time slots. But each time
9 slot is separated from the following time slot by dead
10 space, called guard time.

11 The idea is the following.

12 If I am entitled to use the line from, let's
13 say, noon to 12:05, and Mr. Seitz gets to use the slot from
14 12:05 to 12:10, I don't want to keep talking right up to
15 12:05 because I am afraid he is going to start early. Our
16 watches will be a little off. He will think, oh, it's
17 12:05, I can go, and we will end up talking at the same
18 time, we will have a collision and some of the data will be
19 lost. In order to avoid that, guard time is inserted at the
20 end of a time slot. So I stop talking at 12:04 to be sure
21 that there is not going to be any overlap.

22 Obviously, that minute of dead space on the line
23 in my example is wasted time. So it would be helpful if we
24 could find a way to synchronize our watches in such a way
25 that I would know that I can keep talking until 12:04 and 30

seconds or 12:04 and 45 seconds, thus making better use of the line.

We see that illustrated here by using what the patent calls ranging, which is calculating the transmission delay between the master unit and each remote modem by knowing how far away each remote modem is. It allows for, as the abstract tells us, better synchronization of clocks and thus reduces the guard time between successive transmissions, thereby increasing system efficiency.

When the guard time is reduced, it is possible to add more data to the line in the same amount of time because there is not as much dead space between slots.

What we see in the callout here on Slide 4 is Figure 5 of the '819 patent, which illustrates -- the patent tells us that the system clock, as it is going tick-tock, tick-tock, the period of the system clock is referred to as a frame. That frame, that period of time is divided into what the patent calls subframes. And the subframes are divided into what the patent calls time slots. The time slots we see illustrated here, this is a subframe in Figure 5, with time slots, each time slot allocated to a different application.

Then this is a blowout of what a single time slot contains. So the time slot will contain a preamble, it will contain a message body, then at the very end here it

1 will have the guard time. And that is what we are shrinking
2 by improving the synchronization of the system with ranging.

3 In addition, the '819 patent tells us that the
4 time slots are assigned to applications on the modem, not
5 just to a modem, but to programs running on modems, and it
6 tells us that an application can request additional time
7 slots as needed. This is an idea similar to the one we just
8 talked about, that if you have a lot of information to send,
9 you can request additional time slots rather than being
10 stuck with the one that you were originally assigned to.

11 The patent also tells us that time slots will be
12 granted taking into account the priority of the
13 communication.

14 Here we see highlighted in yellow on Figure 5
15 reservation request bits. This is an area of the message
16 where the application would say I need to have some more
17 time slots. I have got more data to send. And the priority
18 bits indicate the relative importance of the communication,
19 so that the system can decide who gets the extra time slots
20 if more than one application is requesting them.

21 So with that brief introduction, I think we will
22 dive right into the claim construction.

23 We have asked the Court to construe five terms.
24 The defendants have requested construction of 19 terms.
25 And, again, in the interests of time, we are not going to

attempt to address all of the disputed terms. But we will address, taking in order in Claim 1, the limitations that we think are sort of most hotly disputed or most problematic.

What we will see as we go through the definitions, the proposed constructions, is that the defendants try to exclude carrying data with packet headers or delimiters, what they call packet headers or delimiters, over a time division multiplexed bus, which is to say they want this to be an invention that doesn't work with packet data.

The last patent we talked about was all about how to get packet data onto a TDM bus. They want to construe this in such a way that a TDM is the sort of thing that can't carry packet data.

Secondly, the defendants would require that all inbound messages to the master unit contain responses to outbound polls. What that means is that the remote units only speak when spoken to. A polling system is one in which the central unit goes down the line of remote modems, and says, have you got something for me, have you got something for me, and have you got something for me. As you will see, that is not required by the claims. They would construe application programs to exclude applications running on modems. They would require that a subframe be assigned by a user to a single remote modem and that each application be

assigned to a single time slot per subframe.

It will come as no surprise to the Court that those are features of a particular disclosed embodiment that the defendants are trying to make requirements of all embodiments.

And finally, the defendants are trying to require that ranging may occur only during initialization of the master modem and cannot be conductive. At other times, that is completely inconsistent with the specification.

Okay. If we dive into Claim 1, Claim 1 speaks of a communications network comprising a master unit and a plurality of remote units communicating with a master unit in a multidrop configuration.

Basically, there is a master unit or a central unit, and there are remote units. And we think the jury can figure that out without a lot of additional construction. So our construction of a master unit is plain meaning, which is not no meaning, but means that we don't think the jury needs to be told what master unit means. We think they can figure it out.

What the defendants want to do is take this opportunity to add the limitation that it is a device that sends messages to its remote units using only time division multiplexing without packet headers or delimiters. This is an argument about the kind of outbound messages from the

1 master unit which actually will come up later in the claim,
2 because the claim talks about messages outbound from the
3 master unit. We will address the particular limitation when
4 we get to it in the context of those messages.

5 Our point is that you have got a master unit,
6 you have got a remote unit. It is pretty clear which one is
7 which. By jamming this extra limitation in there, it is not
8 helpful to the jury, in addition to being inaccurate. It is
9 just an illustration of their constant attempts to take
10 every possible opportunity to add something more to
11 relatively simple terms in order to set up a noninfringement
12 argument.

13 The plurality of remote units communicating with
14 the master unit in a multidrop configuration, here the
15 defendants would add a number of terms, which we have
16 underlined. They want all inbound transmissions to the
17 master unit to contain responses to outbound polls. Then
18 they add the same thing to the modems which receive time
19 division multiplexed messages without packet headers or
20 delimiters from the master unit.

21 All of that, we think, is extraneous and
22 unnecessary, and, indeed, incorrect.

23 Starting off with master unit, I think here the
24 point is, a master unit and a remote unit are simply used to
25 distinguish the two kinds of units in the system. We don't

1 need to spend a lot of time telling the jury the difference
2 between the two. A remote unit, the specification tells us,
3 is a drop. Remote units, or drops, receive messages
4 outbound from the control unit, the control unit being the
5 master unit. A multidrop configuration, then, a multidrop
6 just means a multi-unit, a plurality of remote unit
7 configuration, where they are sharing a bus. It's a
8 multidrop. That just means you have got a plurality of
9 units on the bus. We don't think that requires any special
10 construction, either. And the specification makes it clear
11 that you have got a master unit and a plurality of remote
12 units connected to the bus.

13 On the topic of outbound polls, not even the
14 preferred embodiment requires that the remote units speak
15 only when they are spoken to. There are described in the
16 embodiment transmit inhibit and transmit enable features,
17 which would not be necessary if the remotes could respond
18 only to polls from the central unit.

19 And, in fact, the very prior art reference that
20 they rely on, the Krum reference, for some of their
21 limitations was a system in which the remote units would
22 speak only when spoken to. This system is not one that
23 speaks only when spoken to the remote units.

24 And moreover, the quote from the specification
25 that the defendants rely on, they do have a quote, it says,

1 "All inbound transmissions contain a preamble, poll response
2 data bits," et cetera, et cetera, and so that looks pretty
3 good for them. I see where they are coming from. The point
4 is, it is in a paragraph that says what happens upon
5 receiving a poll at the remote. So when you get a poll,
6 here is what you get back in this particular embodiment.
7 That's what it says.

8 The question is, can the remote send without
9 getting a poll? And the answer is, yes. And how do you
10 know that? Because it's got a transmit inhibit, transmit
11 enable feature, which enables the remote to speak without
12 being spoken to.

13 All right. Next, the question is remote units
14 executing at least one application program, and the real
15 fight in this limitation is over the term application
16 program. The defendants would like application program to
17 mean a program that directly meets the needs of a user, such
18 as payroll, inventory control, word processing, et cetera.
19 In other words, they want application program to mean an
20 application running on a PC, something like Microsoft Word.
21 But that is not the way that the patent uses the term
22 application program.

23 An application program in the patent is a
24 program running on the modem. And we see this illustrated
25 in Figure 2, where this is one of the remote modems, one of

1 the remote units, and it has a primary data receiver for
2 data going through to the computer or whatever is connected
3 to it. And it has a diagnostic channel, which is used for
4 diagnostic applications running on the modem to keep the
5 communication network operating smoothly.

6 So restricting the term application to programs
7 like word processors or spread sheets to things that are not
8 running on the modem would exclude the preferred embodiment
9 from the coverage of the claim, which is a problem for claim
10 construction.

11 So the term application needs to be construed to
12 be applications running on the modem. And during
13 prosecution, the term application program was added.
14 Originally, it said host application, and during prosecution
15 that was changed to application program, to indicate that
16 the application can be run on the remote unit and not only
17 on the master unit. And after that change, the examiner
18 stated that the prior art fails to disclose the execution of
19 application program by each of the remote units.

20 The remote units in this case are the units that
21 are connected to the bus, which is to say the modems.

22 We will see, when Mr. Seitz steps back up here
23 in a moment, the '159 and '234 patents in suit also use the
24 term application program to refer to programs running on the
25 modems. And one of the defendants, Arris International, we

1 happen to come across, has a patent that also uses
2 application programs to refer to programs running on the
3 modem.

4 This is not an unusual use of the term.

5 The defendants also add language to their
6 construction that the program has to meet a user's needs and
7 has to do so directly. That is not found in the patent.
8 And it's not clear what it means. It's doubtful to be
9 helpful to the trier of fact. That is just extraneous
10 language that doesn't belong there.

11 Okay. Messages outbound from said master unit.
12 This is a point, this is an issue of the limitation that we
13 saw earlier, where the defendants want messages from the
14 master unit to be sent using time division multiplexing
15 without using packet headers or delimiters.

16 I am going to go straight to the claim language
17 here. The claim doesn't say anything about outbound
18 messages having to be time division multiplexed. It doesn't
19 say anything about packets or no packets.

20 The defendants get this from a statement in the
21 prosecution history. And this is a point that I think is
22 not very clearly addressed, or not optimally addressed in
23 the briefs. So I would like to spend a little time on it
24 here, because it's quite important.

25 First of all, basic terminology. Outbound

1 refers to the traffic going from the master to the remotes
2 and inbound refers to the traffic going from the remotes to
3 the master.

4 Also, just as a reminder, again, the applicant
5 did point out a distinction between a prior art reference
6 and the claimed invention in the prosecution history. By
7 doing so, he did not give up claim scope. And this is just
8 another cite to the GemStar case in which the Federal
9 Circuit emphasizes that just because you distinguish a
10 reference doesn't mean that you are giving up the scope of
11 your claims.

12 So here is the language that the defendants rely
13 on. And again, I think on first glance, we have to say,
14 they have got a point. But they are wrong. And I am going
15 to explain why they are wrong.

16 They say, "Therefore," talking about the Krum
17 reference, "the outbound messages from the Krum reference
18 master unit are packetized whereas the instant claimed
19 invention is time division multiplexed without packet
20 headers and delimiters."

21 That is referring, as we will see, to the
22 inbound channel, not the outbound channel.

23 So Krum's outbound is packetized and the instant
24 invention is time division multiplexed. And as we will see,
25 the time division multiplexing is on the inbound channel and

not the outbound channel.

Again, it emphasizes down here that inbound transmissions are in time slots of specific duration, unlike Krum, which doesn't use time division multiplexing on the inbound channel.

We will illustrate how this works on the next slide.

The key point here is that Krum, unlike the present invention, was a system in which the remote devices will send data only in response to a request from the master unit for data. The request came in Krum in the form of a packet. And you can see the packets illustrated here on Figure 3 from the Krum reference. This is the outbound stream. It has a packet with a header and a data payload, then it had a polling request, and then another packet with a header. And the header would be the address of the remote unit from which data would be requested.

So the master unit would send out a packet that would say, okay, Unit No. 3, I am going to be requesting data from you in a minute. Get it ready, get this kind of data ready to send to me. Later on it would send a polling message and say, okay, No. 3, have you got something for me? At that point, in response to the poll, on the inbound channel, Unit No. 3 would start transmitting, would occupy the channel until it was done sending all of the information

1 that the master unit had requested, and then it would end
2 its transmission. And then the next unit in line would take
3 control of the inbound channel.

4 What you will notice is that the inbound and
5 outbound -- excuse me. The successive messages from the
6 remote units on the inbound channel are not of the same
7 length and they don't use time division multiplexing on the
8 inbound channel.

9 So if you don't have packets outbound in Krum,
10 if you don't have packets requesting information in Krum,
11 you don't get any inbound transmission at all. You only get
12 inbound transmission in Krum in response to outbound
13 packets. And we can see that in the way that the claim was
14 amended and in response to the examiner's rejection based on
15 Krum. What the claim was amended to say, that the remote
16 units receive messages outbound from the master unit. But
17 it doesn't say time division multiplexing and it doesn't say
18 anything about packets or no packets. It just says the
19 remote units get messages from the master units.

20 On the inbound channel, however, the application
21 programs and the remote units are assigned to transmit in a
22 time division multiple access fashion. This is actually the
23 change that was made to the claim as a result of the
24 citation of Krum.

25 If the portion of the prosecution history meant

1 what the defendants now claim it means, then that limitation
2 about no packet headers and delimiters would be found here,
3 and the requirement that outbound messages be time division
4 multiple access would be found here and not here.

5 And so this sentence that they rely on has to be
6 construed. This is an explanation of the amendment that we
7 see back here.

8 In a nutshell, the bottom line is in our
9 invention you don't need packet headers and delimiters to do
10 time division multiplexing. That is all it means. And
11 their attempt to stretch that one sentence into something
12 more rests on a misreading of the prosecution history.

13 Okay. Now we are getting into some of the
14 means-plus-function issues. And again, this is another
15 example of where the defendants have taken what ought to be
16 relatively straightforward terms and asked for construction
17 of a bunch of them next to each other in a longer phrase,
18 resulting in a multiplicity of construction.

19 The main point from the patent is really one of
20 just terminology. The patent tells us that the clock
21 periods of the system are divided into units called frames,
22 that the frames are divided into subframes, the subframes
23 are divided into time slots.

24 The defendants want the frame to have a fixed
25 number of time slots and they want them to be assigned by a

1 user to a single remote unit. There is just no reason to
2 require those extra limitations.

3 The patent tells us, the frame is divided into
4 subframes, the subframe is divided into time slots, and the
5 time slots are assigned to applications.

6 There is no requirement that the subframes be
7 limited to a single remote unit. There is no requirement
8 that the time slots need to be assigned by the end user.
9 And it's a fair bet that no customer of Comcast or Time
10 Warner has ever been asked to allocate time slots on the
11 cable network to particular applications.

12 Again, this is just, again, taking particular
13 snippets of a particular embodiment and trying to make them
14 requirements in order to set up noninfringement arguments
15 later.

16 Here again, we have that the application program
17 is assigned to a single time slot per subframe. It is very
18 close, again, but it is not quite right. It says that the
19 time slots are assigned to applications. It doesn't say
20 that an application can't have more than a single time slot
21 per subframe. In fact, we know from the specification that
22 applications can request additional time slots and be
23 granted additional time slots.

24 It says here that the, we saw earlier,
25 applications can be assigned to time slots previously

1 assigned to other applications. The master unit will make a
2 decision whether to allow more slots based on the request
3 made by the application and the priority bits associated
4 with the application.

5 This is just extra matter that is inconsistent
6 with the specification.

7 All right. Having talked about subframes and
8 time slots, the defendants request construction of the whole
9 phrase, where they again repeat some of these same
10 limitations. They also add new limitations that they want
11 the frame to be divided into during initialization, they
12 want it to be divided by a user, and again, these same sort
13 of extra peculiarities of some of the disclosure in the
14 specification which are not required for all embodiments.

15 I think that the point I am going to emphasize
16 here is that the time slot assignments do not have to be
17 fixed at initialization. The preferred embodiment shows, in
18 Figure 8, it talks about a reservation request from an
19 application for more time slots being accepted. And the
20 word it uses to describe giving additional time slots is
21 assignment. The transmission period, assignment of time
22 slots.

23 So when it says that application programs are
24 assigned, that could be done at any time during the normal
25 operation of the device. It's not limited to what happens

1 during initialization. And their attempts to limit it to
2 things that happen during initialization is not consistent
3 with the way the words are used in the patent.

4 I am not going to go through all the other
5 limitations that they jammed into that phrase. I think it's
6 apparent that they are just taking preferred embodiments and
7 trying to make them claim limitations.

8 On the question of ranging means, again, we have
9 the extra limitation that the ranging, the calculating of
10 the distance between the master and the remotes, the Court
11 will remember that the patent does this in order to reduce
12 the guard time needed in the system. They want to make that
13 happen only during initialization. And they want it to be
14 done in such a way that there is a separate calculation for
15 each combination of remote unit and application, which
16 doesn't make any sense.

17 First of all, ranging doesn't have to occur only
18 during initialization. The specification tells us, even in
19 the preferred embodiment, the master unit periodically
20 transmits a network clock reading and performs ranging. We
21 see the callout here from Column 6, Lines 32 to 36. And it
22 also tells us that there is a diagnostic channel that can be
23 used -- we saw that on Figure 2 -- there is a diagnostic
24 channel that can be used, for example, to perform new
25 ranging. That also shows that the ranging doesn't only

1 happen at initialization. It happens periodically, and it
2 can happen while the system is operating.

3 And the ranging doesn't have to be done for each
4 combination of remote unit and application, because we know
5 that at least one of the remote units has multiple
6 applications running on it. And the distance between the
7 master and the remote will be the same for each of the
8 applications running on a single remote. So there is no
9 need to re-range the same remote unit just because it has
10 more than one program active at a given moment.

11 The reservation request generator and
12 reservation request --

13 THE COURT: Your reaction to this proposal: Is
14 the function and ranging means calculating and transmitting
15 a transmission time between the master unit and each of the
16 remote units? You are not going to see it up there.

17 MR. ROZENDAAL: Would you repeat it, please?

18 THE COURT: Calculating and transmitting a
19 transmission time between the master unit and each of the
20 remote units. Ranging means.

21 MR. ROZENDAAL: I am trying to think, Your
22 Honor. I think that sounds right. I think even better
23 would be a transmission time adjustment, because the point
24 of the ranging is to tell the remote units how to adjust
25 their transmissions in the slots to avoid calculation.

:22:53 1 THE COURT: So calculating and transmitting a
:22:55 2 transmission time adjustment between the master unit and
:22:58 3 each of the remote units?

:23:00 4 MR. ROZENDAAL: I think that would work, yes.

:23:03 5 THE COURT: Okay.

:23:04 6 MR. ROZENDAAL: Okay. The reservation request
:23:23 7 generator is the device that requests additional time slots
:23:26 8 for a particular application. And we just think this is a
:23:32 9 classic example of overreaching on the part of the
:23:35 10 defendants in attempting to take particular features,
:23:39 11 particular aspects of one embodiment, and read them in as
:23:44 12 claim limitations.

:23:45 13 The reservation request generator is the part of
:23:47 14 the system that says, I need more time slots. Please give
:23:51 15 me more time slots. And they want it to mean a component in
:23:56 16 the remote unit that monitors a compression buffer for
:23:59 17 fields exceeding a preset parameter limit stored in the
:24:02 18 initialization parameter table, blah, blah, blah, blah,
:24:06 19 blah. This is just a bunch of stuff from one embodiment
:24:10 20 that doesn't belong in the claim.

:24:17 21 And the law is clear that even if there is only
:24:19 22 one embodiment described in the specification, that doesn't
:24:22 23 mean that the claims are limited to the details, the
:24:25 24 unnecessary details of that embodiment.

:24:33 25 Again, trying to move along, we see the same

:24:38 1 thing --

:24:38 2 THE COURT: Let me get your reaction. We were
:24:39 3 talking about reservation request generator.

:24:43 4 MR. ROZENDAAL: Yes, Your Honor. I was done,
:24:44 5 but...

:24:46 6 THE COURT: A device or devices or process,
:24:49 7 processes, that can grant a request from a remote unit for
:24:53 8 more time slots so that it can transmit a longer message.

:24:58 9 MR. ROZENDAAL: Sorry. Did you say generate?

:25:01 10 THE COURT: I thought we were at request
:25:04 11 generators, were we not?

:25:06 12 MR. ROZENDAAL: Yes. Okay.

:25:07 13 THE COURT: Proposed for your consideration: a
:25:10 14 device or process that can grant a request from a remote
:25:14 15 unit for more time slots so that it can transmit a longer
:25:17 16 message.

:25:17 17 MR. ROZENDAAL: That would be, I think, the
:25:19 18 request processor and not the request generator.

:25:22 19 THE COURT: That is not the request generator.
:25:24 20 Okay.

:25:24 21 MR. ROZENDAAL: I think the request generator is
:25:27 22 the item in the remote units that says, May I please have
:25:30 23 more slots. And the processor is the part in the master
:25:34 24 unit that says, yes, you may.

:25:44 25 Okay. Again, priority bits. The priority bit

1 we saw earlier in Figure 5 is the bit that indicates how
2 important the particular communication is, and it is what is
3 used by the request processor to determine which of several
4 competing requests should be granted.

5 Here the defendants again add, a bit defining a
6 remote unit's relative importance as compared to subsequent
7 units set by the user at initialization of the master unit.

8 The first requirement really doesn't make any
9 sense, because the system will know which remote unit is
10 sending a particular message. And so it's not necessary for
11 the remote unit to set a priority bit, telling the master
12 unit, in effect, how important the remote unit is. The
13 master unit will know where it is coming from. If all that
14 is needed is the importance of the remote unit, there is no
15 need to set a priority bit for that.

16 In any event, even if one could construe the
17 specification as making that a feature of the preferred
18 embodiment, there is no reason to make that a requirement of
19 the claim. The priority bit is what is used to determine
20 the importance of the communication to determine whether it
21 should take priority over other requests. And it doesn't
22 have to be the importance of the remote unit. It certainly
23 doesn't have to be set by the user. And it doesn't have to
24 be fixed only at initialization of the master unit.

25 These again are snippets -- I don't doubt that

1 they will be able to find snippets from the specification
2 that appear to support those features of the preferred
3 embodiment. But they are just not claim limitations.

4 Again, we see the priority bits here.

5 So those are the issues that we have identified
6 in the '819.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. Let's take a
8 stretch break.

9 (Recess taken.)

10 THE COURT: Let's continue. Mr. Desmarais.

11 MR. DESMARAIS: Thank you, Your Honor.

12 We are on the '819 patent. Let's just jump
13 right into Slide 12. So I am on Slide 12, Your Honor, which
14 is behind Tab 1. So we will jump in at the first term,
15 which is master unit. If we look at the competing
16 constructions, both sides agree that the master unit is a
17 device that communicates with modems or remotes. So we know
18 that it is a unit. We know that it is communicating. We
19 know that it is communicating with remotes.

20 But Rembrandt ignores the key aspect of the
21 communication that it does with remotes, because the
22 invention here is that the communication is time division
23 multiplexed and that it's without packet headers or
24 delimiters. Those are important, because that is exactly
25 what the applicant told the Patent Office in order to get

1 the patent issued. We wouldn't have a patent here if that
2 wasn't the case.

3 If you look here in the objects of the invention
4 at Column 1, it says, "The basic features of this method and
5 apparatus are time division multiplexed outbound
6 transmissions from the master to the remote units." Then
7 you can see in Figure 1, there is a TDM, or a time division
8 multiplexer, going to the outbound units.

9 Now, what happened in the prosecution is the
10 claims were rejected. They said you can't have a patent
11 over the Krum reference. Krum was a packetized system that
12 included headers to deal with the issues about how you do
13 packet transmissions. What did the applicant do in response
14 to that? They made an unequivocal disavowal about what this
15 patent was about. As we see on the next slide, in response
16 to the rejection, they said, "Therefore, the outbound
17 messages from the Krum reference master unit" --

18 THE COURT: I guess you should address directly
19 counsel's point on this. You don't have to beat around the
20 bush.

21 MR. DESMARAIS: I am going right there.

22 THE COURT: Let's go right there.

23 MR. DESMARAIS: So we first have to look at this
24 one statement, because I am going to contrast what counsel
25 said.

1 Counsel said, what the applicant said here was
2 referring to inbound messages. If you look at the language,
3 we will start there and I will show you what the patent
4 says. If you start right there, it says the outbound
5 messages from Krum -- in fact, I can put it on the screen,
6 and I can point to what I am talking about. It says, "The
7 outbound messages from the Krum reference master unit are
8 packetized" -- it is talking about Krum. It is talking
9 about the outbound messages of Krum. "-- whereas the instant
10 claimed invention" -- and it's referring back to what the
11 point is in Krum, which is outbound messages -- "whereas the
12 instant claimed invention is time division multiplexed
13 without packet headers and delimiters."

14 What counsel said was, well, what we were
15 talking about there is in the '819 patent, we are talking
16 about the inbound messages. As a first point, this is plain
17 English. It can't be that, because they are talking about,
18 whereas the instant claimed invention, and he is referring
19 back to Krum's outbound messages.

20 But even more fundamentally, if we go back one
21 slide to Slide 15, one more, 14, the patent in this case is
22 talking about outbound messages. Counsel said that the '819
23 patent doesn't do TDM on the outbound. He is saying, that
24 must be talking about the inbound because we don't do TDM on
25 the outbound. In the objects and summary of the invention,

1 it says, "The basic features of this method and apparatus
2 are time division multiplexed outbound transmissions from
3 the master to the remote."

4 He said that, no, no, we do inbound TDM. If you
5 look at Figure 1, they have on the outbound, Box 22 there,
6 on the outbound is a TDM modulator.

7 So the '819 was TDM on the outbound, as a basic
8 feature of the invention.

9 If we go back to the overhead, when we say here
10 in the prosecution history the outbound messages from Krum,
11 reference master unit, are packetized, whereas the instant
12 claimed invention is time division multiplexed without
13 packet headers and delimiters, it is directly contrasting
14 packetized with headers and delimiters versus what the
15 claimed invention is on the outbound, which is without those
16 things.

17 So our construction is merely holding the
18 applicant directly to what he said in the Patent Office to
19 get the patent issued in the first instance.

20 By the way, that makes sense, because if you
21 look at, just going back to Slide 16, if you can put Slide
22 16 up, if you look at the bottom there, it made sense in the
23 context of the '819 because packet headers and delimiters
24 are not used in the '819 system because the timing and
25 control processor in the master unit stores the user input

1 slot and subframe assignments. So you don't need the packet
2 headers and delimiters.

3 When you go back to the construction then, which
4 is on Slide 13, I think you see quite clearly, the only
5 difference between the constructions is we are holding the
6 applicant to what they said about how the communications
7 work in order to get the patent, and Rembrandt wants to run
8 away from that.

9 Should I move on, or do you want to ask
10 questions?

11 THE COURT: I know how to interrupt, counsel.
12 You keep going.

13 MR. DESMARAIS: We will go on to the next term
14 at Tab 2, remote units communicating with said master unit
15 in a multidrop configuration and related terms.

16 You will see that in Claim 1, remote, it is
17 communicating with said master unit in a multidrop
18 configuration.

19 THE COURT: Going back to 16, the language
20 called out is from Column 2, Line 68. Right?

21 MR. DESMARAIS: 68.

22 THE COURT: I may be completely missing your
23 point. But right after the highlighted portion of the
24 section that starts with Additionally, I see the words
25 "inbound and outbound burst length for each drop." What is

1 the significance of the usage of inbound and outbound?

2 MR. DESMARAIS: In the patented system, in the
3 '819, they do TDM inbound and outbound. Counsel was making
4 the distinction in dealing with the Krum reference by
5 saying, well, we only do TDM on the inbound. And my point
6 is, number one, that is not correct. When you look at the
7 '819 specification, it talks about TDM on the inbound and
8 the outbound. And then, when you look at the language of
9 what they actually said to the Patent Office, they were
10 talking about outbound.

11 It doesn't make any sense for two reasons. One
12 is, the patent does both. And if you look back, it couldn't
13 be more clear. If you look on Slide 14, you know, in the
14 objects and summary of the invention, they call this a basic
15 feature in the summary of the invention. "The basic feature
16 of this method is time division multiplexed outbound
17 transmissions." And that is what is in the figures, too.

18 So they are doing TDM inbound and outbound.
19 They distinguish Krum because Krum's outbound are
20 packetized, whereas they say ours are not packetized without
21 headers and delimiters. So it is in direct contrast with
22 Krum about the outbound transmissions. But the inbound
23 transmissions in the patent are TDM as well.

24 Slide 18, remote units communicating with said
25 master unit in a multidrop configuration. If we look at the

1 constructions, Rembrandt's construction essentially reads
2 the term multidrop out of the phrase. The phrase we are
3 interpreting is, "remote units communicating with said
4 master unit in a multidrop configuration."

5 Multidrop means something. And what multidrop
6 means in this area, in this technology, we show a dictionary
7 definition here, multidrop line is a communications channel
8 that services many data terminals at different geographical
9 locations and in which a computer node controls utilization
10 of the channel by polling one distant terminal after another
11 and asking it, in effect, do you have anything for me.

12 So that is the plain and ordinary technical
13 meaning of multidrop. And multidrop is the word that is in
14 the phrase. And Rembrandt's proposal does away with
15 multidrop because it reads it out of the claim.

16 This is the point I was making earlier. They
17 are calling it a plain meaning, but they are ignoring one of
18 the key terms in the phrase. And that ordinary meaning is
19 the meaning that is used all throughout the patent
20 specification.

21 If you look at Columns 1 and 2 in the background
22 of the invention, they talk about, This invention relates to
23 an apparatus and method for a master unit and a multidrop
24 network to communicate to and from a plurality of remote
25 units, using a plurality of host applications, using half

1 duplex polled protocols, through the use of time division
2 multiple access techniques.

3 That's what it means to be multiplexed. It is a
4 polled protocol, meaning the master has to ask the remote,
5 Do you have something for me? And then the remote responds.

6 It is even in the objects and summaries of the
7 invention, that it is a half duplex polling system, because
8 it is a multidrop system. And it is all throughout the
9 specification. If we look on Slide 22: This system
10 includes the following features. "All inbound transmissions
11 contain a preamble, poll response data bits," et cetera.
12 You know, it goes on and on. In Paragraph 9, the dominant
13 poll response length.

14 In the figures, if you look at Figure 9, the
15 flow chart is about how the system works. It talks about
16 the DTE, which is the data terminal equipment or remote
17 unit, response to the poll. They call that the normal
18 operation.

19 When you look at the competing constructions,
20 back to Slide 19, all our construction does is define
21 multidrop with its normal use, normal technical meaning, the
22 way it is used in the specification. It is a configuration
23 where all inbound transmissions to the master unit contain
24 responses to outbound polls to the remote units that receive
25 time division multiplexed messages without packet headers or

1 delimiters from their master units.

2 Their proposed construction leaves out the key
3 term multidrop and leaves out the reference, what was the
4 key feature of distinguishing from in the prosecution
5 history, without which they wouldn't even have the patent
6 because the patent was rejected for Krum.

7 So we can go to the next term, which is Slide
8 26, a period which is divided into a plurality of subframes
9 and related terms.

10 We see that in Claim 1, and Claim 14 has a
11 similar term. If you look on Slide 28, the key differences
12 between the two constructions are these slots assigned at
13 initialization, and that there is one application per slot,
14 which are two of the key features of this invention. One is
15 that you have to set up what you are doing for the slots at
16 the initialization of the system. And one of the ideas in
17 the patent was you are going to have one application per
18 slot.

19 Where do we find those definitions? You can
20 see, Slide 30, right in the claim language, it tells us that
21 a subframe is a division of a single frame. Then going on,
22 it talks about network timing and control processor 12
23 stores user -input initialization parameters including
24 network clock framing periods, slot and subframe
25 assignments.

1 So it's talking about at the initialization, you
2 are setting up the time slot assignments. Then it talks
3 about at Column 4, The time division multiple access
4 sequence is established by the user. And an epoch period or
5 frame is defined by the user. The frame is divided with
6 respect to time into a number of subframes.

7 This is all done at the initialization. You see
8 it again at Column 5. And they are describing here Figure
9 6. They say, This is followed by an initialization of such
10 system parameters as frame period, number of time slots per
11 subframe.

12 If you look at the figures, it tells us, this is
13 Figure 6, the flow diagram of initialization. You see they
14 have a box in the initialization sequence that sets up the
15 time frame and the slot assignments. In fact, if we look in
16 the objects and summary of the invention, the specification
17 requires that each application be assigned a unique time
18 slot in a subframe. So we see in Column 2 here at Line 5,
19 "All remote units or drops receive messages outbound from
20 the control unit and respond in a unique time period
21 assigned to each host application. Each application is
22 assigned such a unique time period."

23 That's an object of the invention.

24 You see it in the figures, when you look at
25 Column 4 and Figure 5, which is describing the subframe is

1 further subdivided into slots, one for each application.

2 When you look at Figure 5, that is the way they set it up.

3 You see across the top it says subframe. And each

4 application gets its own time slot.

5 It's repeated again during the detailed
6 description on Slide 36, you see, "From the foregoing it is
7 seen that this system includes the following features."

8 Paragraph 6. "The master unit preassigns" --
9 preassigns -- "time slots within the subframes, one for each
10 of the independent host applications."

11 So when you look, then, back at the proposed
12 constructions, the only real difference between the two
13 proposed constructions is ours says at the beginning that
14 this is during the initialization, that's the part they want
15 to leave out, which is one of the key features of this
16 invention. You have to set up a system when you start it.
17 And then towards the bottom, where it talks about the
18 subframe is assigned by a user to a different application
19 whereby the subframes and time slot assignments repeat from
20 frame to frame. Those are really only the only key
21 distinctions between the two constructions.

22 If you look at the words in the claims, the
23 words we are actually defining, this is actually one of the
24 objects of the invention, to do this at the initialization
25 and to do one application per time slot.

1 The next term on Slide 37, "in a time slot
2 assigned to each of said application programs and related
3 terms." It is a smaller part of what we just covered, so I
4 won't spend a lot of time on it. But when you look at the
5 competing constructions, the issue is, our construction is,
6 each application program is assigned to a single time slot
7 per subframe, which I explained earlier in the other slide
8 was a key feature of the invention and that it repeats every
9 frame.

10 And Rembrandt's proposed construction, once
11 again, does away with a key feature of the application. As
12 you can see, I will just point to one slide that summarizes,
13 Slide 41, again, in the objects and summary of the
14 invention, "All remote units or drops receive messages
15 outbound from the control unit and respond in a unique time
16 period assigned to each host application. Each application
17 is assigned such a unique time period."

18 Now, what are these host applications, or these
19 application programs that we talked about? That's the next
20 term I want to talk about, behind Tab 5 in Slide 44. You
21 see it in Claim 1. It's in Claim 14 as well. If you look
22 at the competing constructions, you know, this is another
23 instance where Rembrandt is defining just a portion of the
24 word. The word we are defining here is application
25 programs. If you look at Rembrandt's construction, they are

1 defining a program, a computer program or process that can
2 be run on a remote communication device, such as a modem.
3 That is the definition of computer program, not application
4 program. An application program has a special meaning, and
5 an application is something users use.

6 So when you look at our proposed construction,
7 it is a program that directly meets the needs of a user,
8 such as payroll, et cetera. And that is not a limiting
9 instruction. It says, "et cetera." We are not limiting it
10 to those things we listed there.

11 THE COURT: You would agree with something like
12 a computer program that performs tasks for an end user.

13 MR. DESMARAIS: Yes, exactly. If you don't want
14 to itemize the examples, we don't need to itemize the
15 examples. I was trying to be helpful. We said "et cetera."
16 We didn't mean to limit it.

17 The key difference is an application is
18 something for the end user's needs. From using your own
19 computer, the computer has a lot of programs on it. The
20 application programs are the word processors and the e-mail
21 and things of that nature. It has other programs on it that
22 run the computer, how the computer goes to the printer, how
23 the computer talks over the Internet. Those are not
24 application programs. Those are system programs that the
25 computer uses.

:58:16 1 If you look in the technical dictionaries, this
:58:19 2 is borne out. We have shown two examples here on Slide 47.
:58:22 3 Application program is defined as a computer program that
:58:25 4 directly meets the needs of a user, such as, that's where we
:58:28 5 got our definition. That's why we put in those examples.
:58:31 6 We don't need to use those examples. Again, computer
:58:34 7 software program designed for a specific job, such as word
:58:37 8 processing, et cetera.

:58:38 9 You are talking about an application program is
:58:40 10 something for a user, that a user uses, as opposed to
:58:44 11 something the system uses to get a job done.

:58:48 12 I will talk quickly about ranging means, which
:58:52 13 is behind Tab 7, Slide 56. So let's go to 57. You see
:59:00 14 ranging means in Claim 1. Let's go to Slide 58. It's a
:59:07 15 means plus function, it's a ranging means for doing
:59:11 16 something. The claim language, if you look at our proposed
:59:14 17 construction, we are taking the function directly out of the
:59:17 18 claim language. There is no tweaking, no augmenting. So I
:59:24 19 don't know that we need to debate that much. It is the
:59:26 20 words of the claim.

:59:28 21 The real issue here is what is the structure.
:59:32 22 So if we turn to Slide 60 and look at the competing
:59:37 23 corresponding structures, Rembrandt's structure, as they
:59:40 24 proposed in their charts, isn't even structure. It is just
:59:46 25 words. They don't show the ranging means as it appears in

1 the specification. But then in their briefing, they appear
2 to make a concession on what the structure should be. And
3 that's why I wanted to cover this term and point that out.

4 THE COURT: How about network timing and control
5 processor 12, ranging network initialization generator 20,
6 and ranging receiver 32?

7 MR. DESMARAIS: I think, in fact --

8 THE COURT: Not all the other stuff that you
9 propose.

10 MR. DESMARAIS: Here is what I would say to
11 that. I agree as far as this goes, and so does Rembrandt in
12 their brief. When you have processors where the
13 specification discloses their algorithms, the Federal
14 Circuit has told us we have to put the algorithms in as the
15 corresponding structure that is disclosed in the patent.

16 So I think we are constrained, if we are going
17 to all agree that it is a network, timing and control
18 processor --

19 THE COURT: Which panel was that that said that?

20 MR. DESMARAIS: Fair point. I think we have an
21 agreement anyway, because if you look at Rembrandt's brief
22 at Footnote 13, I think they have come around to our way of
23 thinking on this. If you look down here, they say, if it is
24 means plus function, the corresponding structure is, and
25 they agree to these elements, network processor 12, ranging

:01:05 1 and network initialization generator 20 and ranging receiver
:01:08 2 32 as shown in the figures and described at these places in
:01:11 3 the specification.

:01:12 4 So if you want to -- I will agree with that.

:01:14 5 THE COURT: You would agree with that, counsel?

:01:17 6 MR. ROZENDAAL: Well, Your Honor --

:01:18 7 THE COURT: I know you agree with what you
:01:20 8 wrote.

:01:20 9 MR. ROZENDAAL: I do agree with what we wrote.

:01:23 10 I don't think it is a means-plus-function term because it
:01:26 11 doesn't use the phrase "means for." But if the Court were
:01:29 12 to disagree --

:01:31 13 THE COURT: If I were to construe it as such,
:01:32 14 you agree.

:01:33 15 MR. ROZENDAAL: Yes, Your Honor.

:01:34 16 MR. DESMARAIS: If you do what they suggested,
:01:36 17 which is put in the figures and these sections of
:01:40 18 specification and the corresponding structure, I think we
:01:41 19 would be okay with that.

:01:45 20 Should I address whether it is a means-plus-
:01:48 21 function structure?

:01:48 22 THE COURT: I don't think you need to.

:01:52 23 MR. DESMARAIS: That is all I wanted to do on
:01:54 24 this patent, unless you had questions.

:01:55 25 THE COURT: I don't.

:02:10 1 MR. ROZENDAAL: Just a few points in response,
:02:26 2 Your Honor.

:02:26 3 First of all, on the issue of multidrop and
:02:37 4 whether multidrop requires polling or doesn't require
:02:40 5 polling, the only evidence that the defendants have come up
:02:45 6 with that multidrop requires polling is extrinsic dictionary
:02:49 7 definition. There is nothing in the patent that says a
:02:51 8 multidrop configuration requires polling in every instance.

:02:55 9 More to the point, even if one assumes that a
:02:58 10 multidrop configuration supports polling, what they want to
:03:02 11 do is they want to require that it's all polling and nothing
:03:05 12 else, that there is never a message from a remote unit that
:03:09 13 goes to the master unit without accepting response to a
:03:13 14 poll. And there is absolutely nothing in the specification
:03:14 15 that requires that. And, indeed, as I pointed out earlier,
:03:18 16 the fact that it has a transmit enable and transmit inhibit
:03:21 17 function indicates that that is not the case.

:03:24 18 So, again, this is an example of where they are
:03:28 19 awfully close, but they stretch just that little extra bit
:03:31 20 in order to set up noninfringement positions that are not
:03:34 21 supported by the patent.

:03:36 22 Then on this same definition, we have the issue
:03:39 23 of the time division multiplexed messages without packet
:03:44 24 headers or delimiters. This is the Krum issue. I would
:03:48 25 point out, first of all, Mr. Desmarais misstated our

1 position about what the patent says about TDM inbound and
2 outbound. Our position is that the patent does not require
3 TDM on the outbound channel. It is true that there is a
4 description of an embodiment in which TDM is used both
5 inbound and outbound. But in the claims, the patent does
6 not require TDM on the outbound channel. In fact, we see
7 that in the very phrase at issue.

8 It says, "The instant claimed invention is time
9 division multiplexed." Where in the claim, as amended, in
10 response to Krum, is the time division multiplexing? It is
11 only on the inbound channel. This is the claim that is
12 being explained in that phrase.

13 There is no limitation on the kind of
14 communication that happens outbound. The only time division
15 multiplexed channel in the claim is inbound.

16 So when they say, when the applicants said the
17 claimed invention is time division multiplexed without
18 packet headers and delimiters, what it means is we don't
19 need packet headers and delimiters to make our TDM work
20 inbound.

21 Finally, on the issue of application programs,
22 again, we saw reference to extrinsic evidence in the form of
23 dictionaries. I think that there is equally persuasive
24 evidence that the term application programs is used to refer
25 to programs that are running on modems. We have the

1 defendants' own patents that say it. We have some of the
2 patents in suit that say it. This is not an exotic or odd
3 usage that we are requesting here. And the point is that in
4 the patent, the remote units, the remote --

5 THE COURT: You didn't like my proposal?

6 MR. ROZENDAAL: We would submit that it's not
7 correct, Your Honor, because the remote units are the items
8 that are attached to the bus. And in this case, the items
9 attached to the bus are the modems. And the intrinsic
10 evidence is clear that the applications are running on the
11 modems.

12 THE COURT: So a computer program running on a
13 modem that performs tasks for an end user.

14 MR. ROZENDAAL: I suppose there is a sense in
15 which all the programs perform a task for the end user.

16 THE COURT: Yes.

17 MR. SEITZ: Your Honor, good morning.

18 We are going to do some remote updates. We are
19 going to do these two patents together, as the parties
20 agreed, because they are related.

21 So, just to reorient you, after your chaotic day
22 of yesterday, what we are going to be talking about, the
23 problem that was identified that the inventors addressed
24 with these patents was that you are trying to remotely
25 update software within the modems. And one of the issues

1 is, first of all, you don't want the users having to pull
2 the chips out and putting new chips in. And there are
3 problems with just simply sending out a mass download to all
4 the modems at the same time.

5 So as we said before, the problem with taking
6 the chips out and putting new chips in -- I will just skip
7 over that -- is essentially that, it's not practical. If
8 you are Comcast or someone like that and there is 8 million
9 modems out there, that just doesn't work. So you could do a
10 mass download like we talked about before, and we have
11 represented this here, just quickly. The problem with a
12 mass download is, if there is an interruption during the
13 mass download, and you are overwriting the other memory that
14 exists there, you are stuck. The modem is broken, because
15 you have got corrupted software on the modem.

16 So the only way to get around that was to have a
17 chip that wasn't subject to the update. But, of course,
18 that defeats the whole purpose, which is to update the
19 software in the modem.

20 So what was the solution presented by this
21 patent?

22 The solution was to do the remote update but
23 maintain the integrity of the existing software so that --
24 or firmware I think it is called, such that if there is an
25 interruption during the download, as you can see here, the

1 programs that were already resident in the memory were not
2 corrupted and could be used again to initiate a new download
3 or run again until a successful download could happen.

4 Let's look at a little detail about using the
5 patent diagrams here.

6 If you look at this figure, Figure 1 from the
7 patent, that is essentially representing a modem. It's not
8 the complete representation of the modem. We will see
9 later, there is memory in the modem which is not shown in
10 this diagram. But this is a basic configuration for the
11 modem.

12 Just to show you how this works, the programs
13 are stored in the memory. And we showed you that with the
14 bars and the preceding diagram. There is the initializing
15 set of programs, as it says in the specification. We think
16 that has a pretty plain meaning. It is the set of programs
17 that are executed when the modem is initialized. Then there
18 is the communication programs, which allow the modem to
19 talk.

20 There is the installing subroutine, this is
21 Slide 8, the installing subroutine, which actually installs
22 the new programs.

23 And then there are the application programs,
24 which run on the modem, other programs that are on the
25 modem, the applications as Mr. Rozendaal just said, these

1 are the programs that run on the modem and are stored in the
2 memory.

3 Okay. So how do we accomplish the new download?
4 Well, there is a command that comes into branch 12. You can
5 see the flashing orange signal there. It essentially tells
6 the installing subroutine here that is already resident in
7 memory that we are going to do a new install. And then here
8 are some terms that we need to introduce to the Court
9 because they are going to appear later on. And they are,
10 downloading a segment of the essential portions of the new
11 package of programs. So the essential programs we have
12 labeled in the purple color here. One of those is the
13 installing subroutine.

14 Why do you need an installing subroutine? Well,
15 you need something to direct the new programs to be
16 downloaded from the remote source. So the installing
17 subroutine, the new installing subroutine is downloaded
18 first into memory. Control is transferred to the new
19 installing subroutine by an offset address. As you can see
20 by our fancy animation here, we are shifting control from
21 the old installing subroutine over to the new installing
22 subroutine.

23 And then the new programs, the remaining
24 essential programs are downloaded, as well as the new
25 application programs.

1 So on the left you have resident in memory the
2 old programs. On the right you have all of the new programs
3 that have been downloaded into memory 20.

4 So in order to run the new software, there is a
5 new offset address. We have shown it here in blue, not
6 appearing in any of the boxes that are in Figure 1 because
7 it could be somewhere else. There is no limitation as to
8 where that new address appears. But the purpose of the new
9 address is to point to the initialization programs, the new
10 ones that are downloaded, so you don't use the old ones.

11 This one is an important point. Register 40,
12 which was the memory dealing with the new offset address
13 that directs the modem to use the new initialization
14 programs, can be part of memory 20, as it says here, or it
15 can be an EEPROM. An EEPROM is an electrically erasable
16 programmable read only memory. But it doesn't have to be --
17 it's not necessary that it be that way. And register 40,
18 right here, could also be part of read/write memory or part
19 of processor 10.

20 Now the read/write memory, as I said before,
21 doesn't appear in this diagram because, as you will see
22 later on in the spec, not everything was depicted. But this
23 does show that there is other memory that's part of this
24 system, although it's not depicted in Figure 1.

25 So that is the basic concept of the invention.

1 Just to show you, the '234 patent, just to show you how
2 these two patents relate, you see, it's the basic tasks that
3 we just showed. There is a command to Line 12 that comes
4 down. And then the essential, a portion of the essential
5 programs or the essential programs, the new ones, are
6 downloaded. As you will see here, the difference is that
7 the new essential programs are downloaded, overwrite a
8 portion of the existing application programs.

9 If you will remember, for the '159 patent, there
10 was a clear delineation. There was no overwriting occurring
11 between the two patents. In this example, in the '234
12 patent, the essential programs overwrite a portion of the,
13 we will call it the old application programs.

14 After that it is basically the same process,
15 Your Honor. There is a new offset address. You have to
16 tell the modem to point to the new programs instead of using
17 the old ones. And once the new essential programs are used
18 to download the new application programs, you have got the
19 end result, which is a new set of programs that have been
20 downloaded.

21 So the difference between the two patents is
22 right here. It's in the overwriting of the application, old
23 application program.

24 New address, finally, is used to point to the
25 new programs instead of the old programs.

:15:22 1 All right. This is a pretty stark contrast
:15:26 2 here.

:15:29 3 On the scale of complexity of interpretation,
:15:34 4 maybe it would be our view that these patents can be read
:15:37 5 and can be understood fairly straightforwardly. So we have
:15:41 6 only asked that the Court construe two claim terms for the
:15:45 7 '159 patent. The defendants have asked to construe 18 claim
:15:49 8 terms. I think some of that is a combination of claims
:15:52 9 within claims within claims, which causes the claims to
:15:55 10 multiply like rabbits.

:15:59 11 In any event, just jumping to the merits now.

:16:04 12 This is a common theme, which we should stop
:16:08 13 repeating, but it is a common theme that permeates what they
:16:11 14 are trying to do here. There is also an ordering that
:16:15 15 occurs here, which is not supported by the claim language.
:16:19 16 And there is a number of other things, which we will go
:16:22 17 through, which are the flaws in the defendants'
:16:25 18 interpretation.

:16:26 19 So here is Claim 1 of this patent. A processor,
:16:32 20 that is certainly straightforward enough. Then when we get
:16:35 21 to Subparagraph (b), a set of programs stored in said memory
:16:41 22 that are executed when the system needs to be initialized.
:16:46 23 As you will see here, Your Honor, in the competing
:16:50 24 interpretations, we have said plain meaning. Mr. Desmarais,
:16:57 25 in many of his presentations, says our construction. Well,

1 our construction is plain meaning, and then we have been
2 pretty careful to say, in the alternative, if the Court
3 needs a construction. But for most of these, we should be
4 pretty clear that we are arguing for a plain meaning
5 construction, and that's the one the Court ought to adopt.
6 But if the Court doesn't adopt a plain meaning, then we have
7 an alternative construction. And this is really a function
8 of trying to reduce the number of claim terms that the Court
9 has to construe. It's just humanly impossible to construe
10 a-hundred-and-some claim terms. There has got be to be some
11 plain meaning in here somewhere. That is our preference for
12 many of these claims.

13 Here is a good example of where the parties have
14 really agreed. If you just took what they proposed here,
15 the set of programs used by the system to initialize it,
16 which essentially is what this says anyway, which is why we
17 say plain meaning, if you stop there, everything would be
18 good. But the problem, as Mr. Rozendaal pointed out, is
19 adding a bunch of limitations which, number one, are going
20 to be confusing to the jury, and don't assist in the
21 interpretive process. They are merely limitations that are
22 added to burden the claim language.

23 As you can see here, including the boot-up
24 program for the apparatus and programs needed to maintain
25 communications between the apparatus and remote processor,

1 stored in and executed, there is a limitation, from
2 non-volatile memory when the system is powered on or
3 rebooted. We are going to dive into the merits just a
4 little bit. But I think on the face of this, when you look
5 at it, is that helpful to the jury, to understand what a set
6 of programs stored in said memory that are executed when the
7 system needs to be initialized, is that of any help to the
8 jury?

9 It doesn't appear to us to be of any help.

10 So what are the problems with these added
11 limitations?

12 Well, in the first limitations, the problem is
13 that the defendants have combined the initiation programs
14 with the communication programs. As you can see from the
15 specification, initiation programs are different from the
16 communication programs. It says here, talks about the
17 boot-up segments, and it talks about the program segments
18 necessary to maintain the communication. As you can see
19 from the specification, what was referred to were the
20 initialization programs and not the communication programs
21 at the same time.

22 Another limitation they add there, stored in and
23 executed from non-volatile memory. Well, there is no
24 requirement in the claim language here, Your Honor, that the
25 programs need to be executed from non-volatile memory.

1 As I made the point before, there is other
2 memory in the system. Some of it is not even shown in
3 Figure 1. There is no requirement that the execution of the
4 programs come from the non-volatile memory. It could come
5 from the memory in other places, including the read/write
6 memory, which isn't even shown in Figure 1. What they are
7 trying to do is tuck in a limitation that memory 20 in
8 Figure 1 is the only place where programs can be executed.

9 So here is another long phrase, which I think we
10 can argue does not need interpretation, but: said memory
11 being of a type which may be completely updated in its
12 entirety but which is not volatile.

13 We have proposed plain meaning again. As Mr.
14 Rozendaal said, they are close, but what they have done is
15 tweaked it a little bit to cause us concern. The tweak here
16 is that there is a requirement that all contents in the
17 non-volatile memory be erased during the update.

18 So it's clear there is some overwriting that is
19 going on. But the requirement that all contents be erased
20 is not a limitation that's supported by the claim or the
21 specification.

22 As Mr. Rozendaal said, they are going to find
23 things in the preferred embodiment where there is erasure.
24 There is no question about that. But should that be
25 imported as a claim limitation? It should not be.

:21:33 1 Here is what they are going to probably cite to,
:21:36 2 if I had to guess. They are going to cite to this flash
:21:40 3 EEPROM which we talked about, which is a bulk erasable
:21:44 4 memory. But as you see here in the specification, the
:21:49 5 phrase currently, we use an EEPROM. It doesn't say that,
:21:54 6 you know, you have to use or you must use an EEPROM. And,
:21:58 7 if there was ever any doubt, if you look further down to the
:22:01 8 dependent claims, the EEPROM is actually claimed in one of
:22:07 9 the dependent claims.

:22:09 10 So that should, by principles of
:22:12 11 differentiation, should not be read into the independent
:22:15 12 claims. There is no requirement that all memory, as they
:22:19 13 say, all contents be erased during the update.

:22:27 14 Said memory being the only program memory in
:22:30 15 said system. As I said, Your Honor, I think this is a
:22:32 16 pretty straightforward patent, as language goes. And you
:22:37 17 can see what we are really reduced to, or what defendants
:22:40 18 are reduced to will be interpreting what the word only
:22:43 19 means. It really is not necessary.

:22:47 20 So it's fine to interpret program memory. It's
:22:53 21 shown in the patent. We proposed an interpretation without
:22:58 22 the limitation that they have added, which is only memory
:23:01 23 from which the system executes programs.

:23:04 24 Again, they want to tuck in this limitation that
:23:08 25 memory 20 is the only place where programs can be executed.

1 Well, the problem is, this patent is about
2 downloading and storing programs, so that during the
3 download process, when they are stored, there isn't a
4 corruption as the download is taking place. Or if there is
5 a corruption, you can use the existing memory and the modem
6 is not rendered useless. It is about downloading and
7 storing. It is not about where programs are executed. But
8 what they are trying to do is make that a claim limitation
9 here.

10 As you can see here, there is, in fact, other
11 memory. Here is the read/write data that we referred to
12 earlier where programs could be executed from. There is
13 other memory. There is no limitation as to where programs
14 need to be executed.

15 We agree that program memory is where programs
16 are stored, yes. But there is no limitation as to where
17 programs need to be executed.

18 Now, they are going to pull up this snippet from
19 the specification and say, well, the inventor said that the
20 read/write memory was irrelevant for purposes of this
21 invention. Well, it is, as long as you stay true to what
22 the invention is, downloading and storing programs. So the
23 read/write memory isn't necessarily relevant to that. But
24 it doesn't mean that read/write memory can't be used to
25 execute programs.

:24:40 1 Then here we have the classic kind of
:24:43 2 overreaching, which is what does the word "only" mean?
:24:47 3 That's really what we are after here. "Said memory being
:24:51 4 the only program memory in said system." If we just defined
:24:55 5 program memory, why is it necessary to define the rest of
:24:58 6 this term? It seems to us imposing an unnecessary burden on
:25:05 7 the Court and the parties to do that.

:25:07 8 So, once again, what's tucked in here is the
:25:10 9 same repeating theme, which is that memory 20 has to be
:25:16 10 where programs are executed. I think we have beat that
:25:24 11 horse to death.

:25:26 12 So, next. The alterable storage means for
:25:29 13 holding a displacement multi-bit memory address. If you
:25:33 14 will remember, Your Honor, once you download the new set of
:25:36 15 essential programs and you download the new application
:25:39 16 programs, you need to point the modem to use those programs
:25:44 17 instead of using the old programs. That's basically what
:25:48 18 this is about.

:25:51 19 And the parties agree that this is a
:25:54 20 means-plus-function element. And we have identified the
:25:59 21 function, which comes right out of the claim language,
:26:04 22 holding a displacement multi-bit memory address. We have
:26:08 23 identified the structure as register 40.

:26:12 24 What have the defendants done in this
:26:13 25 means-plus-function claim? They have larded it up with a

1 bunch of extra limitations not necessary to describe the
2 function.

3 What is the function? The function is storing
4 an updateable multi-bit address, memory address. So we are
5 not that different if you don't add the extra limitations.
6 But then they add the limitation that is supplied by the
7 processor and changes the first non-volatile memory location
8 accessed by the processor when the system is powered on or
9 re-booted.

10 Well, we have already seen, the jury can
11 understand what initialization is or what it means to
12 initialize the modem. We don't need all that extra
13 language.

14 As you can see here, the additional limitations
15 that they propose don't even make sense, because we see
16 here, this is back to this reference to an EEPROM, which is
17 a bulk erasable memory.

18 You can see, though, that we know that the
19 register can hold that offset address. And the register 40,
20 which has the offset address, can be part of the read/write
21 memory, is not shown on Figure 1, or part of processor 10.

22 So you can combine the register with the
23 read/write memory or processor 10.

24 So if that is the case, then if you take their
25 interpretation of this claim language, it would mean

1 updateable offset address register 40 which is part of the
2 processor 10 connected to processor 10 and modifier circuit
3 30. You can see, it doesn't even make sense what their
4 proposed claim interpretation is when you have this option
5 of having it stored in another location or having another
6 location use the offset address.

7 So, again, we have got our chart which we have
8 put at the end of each of these patent presentations, which
9 deal with all of the extra limitations that defendants have
10 tried to add to these claims which aren't necessary to help
11 the jury understand the meaning of what we think in this
12 patent are very straightforward terms.

13 The '234 patent. Once again, I think you will
14 find, Your Honor, once you understand what some of the words
15 are in the '234 patent -- and I am going to explain those
16 just so the Court will have a reference point -- you will
17 see that this patent can be fairly easily taken through, I
18 think, by the jury without a lot of interpretation. We
19 asked for two terms. They asked for 14. And we have much
20 of the same themes that occurred with the '159 patent. The
21 execution issue, you can't have any other kind of memory.
22 You will see some other added limitations here. We are not
23 going to go through them because essentially they are a lot
24 of the same themes.

25 What I wanted to do with Your Honor -- and we

1 are on Slide 54 now -- is just help understand the
2 nomenclature that's different with the '159 patent versus
3 the '234. Then I am going to sit down, because I think it's
4 many of the same themes with the two patents. But we do
5 need to understand the nomenclature.

6 So, this slide, No. 54, gives you kind of the
7 overall presentation on how the two patents are old. If you
8 will remember, the distinguishing feature here in the '234
9 patent is there is an overwriting of the old applications
10 software, whereas it's distinct in the '159 patent. Other
11 than that, they are very close.

12 But the '234 patent uses some different
13 nomenclature for the same thing in the '159 patent. And we
14 ought to just go through that. So there is P_{old} , which is
15 the old set of programs. There is P_{new} , which is the new set
16 of programs. Then there is EP_{old} , which is the essential set
17 of programs. If you will remember, Your Honor, the
18 essential set was the initializing, the communicating, and
19 then the one that points to the new program.

20 So you will see, it is the same principles, but
21 there is different nomenclature here. So there is EP_{old} ,
22 there is P_{old} , and then programs new and essential programs
23 new, EP_{new} .

24 So once you get over the change in nomenclature,
25 you will see that the distinguishing feature here, or one of

1 the distinguishing features is the overwriting of the old
2 application programs.

3 This is a lot of words. But I think you will
4 find that you can pick your way through this once you know
5 what the nomenclature is, what it's referring to. But very
6 easily understood, in our view, by the jury, without trying
7 to drill down and add a bunch of limitations.

8 So here the limitations that they try to add to
9 the claims in this patent -- as I said, I am not going to,
10 in the interests of time, go through them. But you will
11 see, it's some of the same themes that occurred with the
12 other patent, including execution and whether things have to
13 be executed immediately or not and other limitations.

14 When you understand the principle of this
15 invention is downloading and storing programs and
16 downloading and storing in a fashion so that the old
17 software is available in case there is a problem with the
18 download, where programs are executed, timing and sequence
19 of things in execution, all of that is extraneous and
20 unnecessary for the jury to understand the claims in this
21 patent.

22 Thank you.

23 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Seitz.

24 MR. DESMARAIS: May I approach, Your Honor?

25 THE COURT: Yes.

:32:51 1 MR. DESMARAIS: I will start with the '159.

:32:59 2 Let's start with, just jump right in at the first slide,
:33:03 3 Slide 7.

:33:07 4 So the first group of terms I want to talk about
:33:09 5 is "a set of programs stored in said memory that are
:33:12 6 executed when the system needs to be initialized" and
:33:14 7 related terms.

:33:15 8 I think this is a good opportunity to point out,
:33:17 9 the way we have set up all these books, Your Honor, and I
:33:20 10 think in the interests of trying to streamline, you will see
:33:23 11 on this title, it shows, we say, quote the term and related
:33:30 12 terms. We did make an effort to group them. If you look on
:33:33 13 Page 8, down at the bottom, we say, where are the other
:33:37 14 terms that are related? You know, Claim 8, Claim 10, Claim
:33:41 15 18, et cetera. That is the same throughout all the books.

:33:43 16 So Mr. Seitz points out in the beginning of each
:33:46 17 of his slides how many terms there are to be construed. But
:33:49 18 we have in the presentation grouped them to actually make it
:33:53 19 much more manageable for the Court, because I think
:33:57 20 interpreting one of them drives the definitions in all the
:34:00 21 other terms because the are related.

:34:01 22 I will point out again, there is eight patents
:34:04 23 here with 80 claims being asserted. So a hundred terms out
:34:09 24 of 80 claims isn't so bad, when you think about it. There
:34:13 25 could have been some paring down on Rembrandt's table as

1 well.

2 Picking up the first term here, a set of
3 programs stored in the memory that are executed when the
4 system needs to be initialized. If we look at the competing
5 instructions, we can see that once again Rembrandt leaves
6 out the words that are right in the claim when they proposed
7 their construction. I can show that here on the overhead.

8 The claim has it stored in memory. What we are
9 interpreting here is a set of programs stored in said memory
10 that are executed, et cetera. If you look at their
11 construction, it is a set of programs used by the system to
12 initialize "it." They leave out stored in said memory.
13 That is one of the main differences between the two
14 constructions.

15 They are saying, why did we put in this
16 non-volatile memory? Well, it's in the claim term that we
17 are interpreting, what is stored in said memory. That is
18 one of the key features. You will see in the patent and in
19 the prosecution history, they insisted to the Patent Office
20 that this memory is not in volatile memory. They told the
21 Patent Office that to get the patent. And I will bring you
22 through that.

23 If we jump to the first slide, Slide 10, what we
24 are interpreting here is the phrase "the set of programs
25 that are used to initialize." Mr. Seitz said, you know,

1 that doesn't need to be interpreted because it will be clear
2 to the jury. How is the jury going to know what are the set
3 of programs that need to be initialized? So what we have
4 endeavored to do in our construction is define what are the
5 set of programs that are going to be used to initialize or
6 where do we find that out. We find that out in the
7 specification and in the prosecution history, because the
8 applicant told us.

9 The first place is here at Column 1. The
10 applicant says at Column 1, "That resident portion contains
11 boot-up segments and program segments that are necessary to
12 maintain the communication between the remote processor and
13 the local equipment so that the process of downloading the
14 programs can continue. This set of programs is the
15 essential programs, EP set."

16 So the applicant is telling us -- the way the
17 invention works is, you have to first download this first
18 set of programs, then they take over and do the second half
19 of the download.

20 So the claim limitation is not plain and simple
21 on its own words because it says, the programs that are
22 executed when the system needs to be initialized. We need
23 to help the jury and tell them what are those programs. And
24 the specification tells us.

25 It goes on to tell us, at Column 2 and Column 3,

1 "In accordance with this invention, all programs, including
2 this EP set of programs, that carry out all the elemental
3 communications, are downloadable."

4 The set of programs that is essential to the
5 maintenance of communication with Line 12 is this EP set.

6 Then if we look in the prosecution history, you
7 know, we have the same thing that has happened in a couple
8 other patents in this case. The claims were rejected over
9 the Hirano reference in view of Lang. And it was an
10 obviousness rejection. What we see here on the screen is
11 what the applicant said in response to overcome the
12 rejection. The applicant said, "The present invention, as
13 defined by independent Claims 1, 6, 8 and 22, as previously
14 amended, includes a memory which is of a single type which
15 may be updated but which is not volatile and which is the
16 only program memory in the system, and a set of programs
17 stored in the memory that are executed when the system needs
18 to be initialized.

19 "In the present invention, on the other hand,
20 the initialization programs, including the communications
21 programs, can be changed while the system is still
22 operating. Then, a re-boot can be performed with the newly
23 installed programs operating."

24 So the applicant is telling the Patent Office,
25 in overcoming the rejection, that this initial set of

1 programs that the system needs are the initialization
2 programs, including the communications parameters. If they
3 didn't say that, they wouldn't even have a patent. All our
4 construction does is define the term in the claim according
5 to what the applicant told the Patent Office to get the
6 patent issued in the first place.

7 If we jump to Slide 14, please. What we see in
8 Slide 14, at Column 4, for instance, an unequivocal
9 statement. I am switching now to what's the memory. There
10 is an unequivocal statement in Column 4 that, "At the very
11 least, that means that memory 20 must be non-volatile."

12 That is said over and over again in this patent
13 specification.

14 Now, what Mr. Seitz was arguing, well, the
15 memory for these EP programs doesn't need to be non-volatile
16 because the patent mentions other read/write memory. What
17 the patent actually says is that is not the memory that the
18 invention is talking about. What it says at Column 2 is, "A
19 typical stored program controlled modem also includes a
20 read/write data memory."

21 "For the purposes of this invention, however,
22 these other elements are irrelevant, so they are not
23 included in the drawing."

24 What Mr. Seitz wants you to do is he wants you
25 to interpret this element so that the memory could be the

1 read/write memory, when the patent quite clearly says any
2 read/write memory has nothing to do with the steps of this
3 invention, because at the very least, memory 20 must be
4 non-volatile.

5 That is said repeatedly throughout the
6 specification. I showed you in Column 4 where they tell you
7 the two different ways the downloading process of the
8 invention works. Everywhere it talks about memory 20 and it
9 talks about memory 20 being non-volatile. You can see it in
10 the claims. Throughout all of the claims, it talks about
11 the memory not volatile in Claim 1. Claim 6, the memory is
12 not volatile. It's in Claim 8. It's in Claim 18. Then
13 it's even in the prosecution history. Again, as I said
14 earlier, the patent was rejected by the Patent Office over
15 Hirano in view of Lang.

16 And what does the applicant say in response to
17 that? "Hirano's memory 19 is made up of two types of
18 memory, i.e., a read only memory, or ROM, and a volatile RAM
19 memory portion 19. In the present invention, the
20 initialization program is located in the single memory,
21 which is non-volatile." Then they point out particularly
22 the EEPROM.

23 "It is clear that the initialization program
24 must be stored in non-volatile memory..."

25 This is what the applicant told the Patent

Office. And if they didn't say it, they wouldn't have a patent. When we are interpreting this claim element about said memory, we can't have that memory allowed to be something other than non-volatile memory, because the patent applicant told the Patent Office, in our invention, it must be always non-volatile. But what they want to do is ignore these statements, ignore what's in the specification, have that said memory from this claim term we are interpreting be any memory in the system. And it is not fair, really.

There is a public notice function that these patents support. This is the third time where we have gone through a prosecution history where they made unequivocal statements in these patents and Rembrandt's proposed constructions want to run away from it.

I think in the interests of being fair to competitors, if my clients' read this prosecution history, they can make a system with volatile memory and it ought not to infringe.

So if we can go back to the competing constructions, then, those are the really the key differences. We are defining what are these programs used for initialization. And the patent applicant told us repeatedly and then told the Patent Office. And we are defining what does it mean to be stored in said memory. The Patent Office told us in the specification and told us in

1 the prosecution history.

2 Those are the two main issues there.

3 So we can move on to the next term on Slide 22:

4 "Said memory being of a type which may be completely updated
5 in its entirety but which is not volatile" and related
6 terms.

7 We see that in Claim 1. And down at the bottom,
8 as you see, it is in the other claims as well.

9 What are the proposed constructions, what are
10 the differences here? We propose that, "the system enables
11 all contents in the system's non-volatile memory to be
12 erased and overwritten during an update operation."

13 You will recall Mr. Seitz just showed you the
14 schematic where, when he had the two sides, only a small
15 portion of the memory he showed in his depiction was
16 overwriteable. But if you look at how the patent describes
17 the situation, the entire memory is overwriteable. If we
18 look at the plain language of the claim, it requires a
19 non-volatile program memory may be completely updated. If
20 we look at Element 1(b) there, "...said memory being of a
21 type which may be completely updated in its entirety but
22 which is not volatile, said memory being the only program
23 memory in said system," if we look at then how it is
24 described in the specification at Column 4, "To summarize
25 the downloading process of this invention. Bulk erase half

1 of memory 20 which does not contain the EP set of programs."
2 Then down to step 4: "bulk erase the other half of memory
3 20."

4 So the entire memory is being bulk erased. It
5 is not just limited overlap. Then you look down at the
6 second embodiment, Bulk erase the second half, bulk erase
7 the first half.

8 If you look at the background of the invention
9 and the summary of the invention, we see it over and over
10 again: updating the entire set of programs. Updating the
11 entire set of programs. Download an entire set of new
12 programs.

13 Then if we look at the prosecution history,
14 again, we see the patent was rejected over a reference
15 called Beaverton. It was rejected, I think, based on
16 Beaverton having an EEPROM memory array, as you see there as
17 one of the elements.

18 What do the applicants say in return? This is
19 the applicants speaking to get around the rejection.

20 "However, in contrast to the present invention,
21 Beaverton specifically provides for the firmware resident in
22 the EEPROM to be hardware partitioned into protected and
23 unprotected areas. The partitioning of the firmware
24 prevents a user from writing over selected partitions of the
25 firmware in the EEPROM.

1 "To summarize, the concept of the present
2 invention, namely, to be able to change all the programs in
3 the system, including the initialization programs, was not
4 mentioned in Beaverton and, in fact, is specifically
5 prohibited by Beaverton.

6 "This clearly shows that their invention does
7 not anticipate the use of a memory which can be completely
8 overwritten so that all of the programs in the system,
9 including the system initialization programs, can be updated
10 by writing new programs into the memory. By prohibiting the
11 user from writing to certain portions of its system memory,
12 Beaverton, in fact, teaches away from the present
13 invention."

14 Clear and unequivocal contrast between the
15 present invention and Beaverton. In this invention, you can
16 overwrite the entire memory and all the programs. That was
17 the basis for patentability. That's why they have the
18 patent in the first place.

19 Let's jump to Slide 49, if we could. I will
20 skip over some terms in the interests of time. I would like
21 to talk about the "means for activating said program for
22 controlling communication." We can see, that appears in
23 Claim 10, Element (d).

24 If we look at the two competing constructions,
25 Rembrandt says, "Activating program for controlling

1 communication through communication port."

2 What is different about ours? Well, we put in
3 the concept of "in the non-volatile memory." You can see,
4 otherwise, they are identical. I have highlighted this one
5 so you can see what is the big difference. It is just this
6 yellow. Otherwise, the red underlining is the same
7 essentially.

8 So "in the non-volatile" memory, is that
9 appropriately in there? Let's take a look at that issue.

10 We can go back just quickly to talk about that
11 term. I will just show you the one slide I showed you
12 recently, which is the, it's Slide 18, please. This is what
13 we talked about earlier, which is what the patent applicant
14 said in response to the rejection over Hirano and Lang: "It
15 is clear that the initialization program must be stored in
16 non-volatile memory."

17 It is the point they said all throughout the
18 specification, that it must always be non-volatile memory,
19 which, just to refresh, was Slide 14.

20 If you look up at the top, "At the very least,
21 that means that memory 20 must be non-volatile."

22 So when we go back to the competing
23 constructions on Slide 51, we see that adding on our
24 construction "in the non-volatile memory" is right out of
25 the specification, right out of the prosecution history,

1 what the applicant required, what the Patent Office required
2 in order to issue the patent.

3 But because this is a means plus function, we
4 have to look at the structure as well. So let's look at
5 Slide 52 and see what the competing terms are on structure.

6 The interesting thing about Rembrandt's
7 construction, and the difference with ours, is if we look
8 here -- I have sort of highlighted them so we can see the
9 difference -- they put in the communications port and
10 processor 10 programmed, and they mention Figure 1. But if
11 you look at Figure 1, it has, the only thing that they call
12 it here is processor 10. Processor 10 cannot achieve this
13 function all by itself. They leave out the other elements
14 of Figure 1, which is odd, because they cite Figure 1. So I
15 am not sure why they did that.

16 The only difference between their construction
17 and ours as far as what is included is we have itemized the
18 other pieces of Figure 1. As you see, 14, 16, you know, 40,
19 30. So if they meant by "including Figure 1" to include
20 Figure 1, then we are essentially the same. If they really
21 just meant to call it 10, I am not sure how that could work,
22 because 10 can't do the function without the other pieces of
23 Figure 1.

24 That is essentially the difference. We have
25 itemized the elements of Figure 1.

1 They said Figure 1 and 2, but I am not sure
2 exactly what they meant by that.

3 The other point is the algorithm.

4 As you can see here, they agree that it has to
5 be processor programmed to perform functions, but they don't
6 articulate the functions.

7 We say that the algorithm has to execute either
8 the steps of Figure 2 or 3 out of non-volatile memory.

9 The disconnect here, again, I am not sure what
10 their point is, because Figure 2 or 3 are doing the same
11 thing. It's the downloading. I can show you that on, if we
12 look at, put up -- let me do it on the screen. It will be
13 easier. Figure 2 and 3 here are both doing the same thing.
14 They are just different ways of doing it.

15 So Figure 2 is a flow diagram of downloading
16 process in accordance with the invention. Figure 3 is a
17 flow diagram of an augmented downloading process. So there
18 are two figures doing the same operation, although one is
19 augmented and one isn't. So when you look at the competing
20 instructions, they include Figure 2, but they don't include
21 Figure 3. The only difference between ours, we have
22 included Figure 2 or 3, because you can do one or the other.
23 They are both disclosed corresponding structure for this
24 function.

25 I am not sure if that is just a mistake on their

1 part or if they intended to do 2 and not 3, which logically
2 doesn't make sense to me.

3 We agree it is a processor. We agree it has to
4 be programmed to perform steps. We have included Figure 2
5 and 3, which are the steps -- 2 or 3, which are the steps.
6 They leave out 3. We have included the other pieces of
7 Figure 1, which I think they would have to concede are
8 necessary to do the function.

9 Really, we are not that far apart. I just think
10 that they have made some mistakes or maybe they have an
11 explanation for it. But it wasn't articulated in the
12 briefs.

13 Let me talk then about the means on Slide 57,
14 the means for receiving, and it is a long term so I won't
15 read it there. You can see it in Claim 10. It's a means
16 for activating said program or controlling communication and
17 receiving all that stuff. So now we are talking about the
18 receiving part of it.

19 If you look at the competing constructions,
20 Rembrandt leaves out most of the cited functions. They say,
21 "receiving information through the communication port" as
22 the cited function. But if we go back one slide to the
23 claim, that is only a tiny piece of the recited function.
24 The recited function is, "receiving information through said
25 communication port to modify," then it goes onto the end.

1 All we did was include the entire chunk from the claim of
2 what the cited function is, which I think is a pretty
3 standard way you are supposed to do means-plus-function
4 functions. You take what is right in the claim language.
5 Then you look at corresponding structure, which is Slide 62.
6 This is similar to the point I made before with respect to
7 the other structure, so I don't need to belabor it. I will
8 just point it out.

9 They agree that it has a processor and that it
10 has to be programmed. They agree it's Figure 1. So all we
11 have done, the only difference is, we agree it is the same
12 processor, we have just articulated the other pieces in
13 Figure 1. I don't know if that is a mistake on their part
14 or if they meant that.

15 They also then cite Figure 2, which is that one
16 way of downloading, but they leave out Figure 3 again. We
17 have included Figure 2 and Figure 3. So it is not that far
18 apart. It is the same issue as the previous means plus
19 function.

20 I will jump to the '234 patent now. We will go
21 to the first term, which is on Slide 3, which is memory. I
22 don't need to spend a lot of time on this. This is exactly
23 the same issue, these two patents are related, and the
24 specification, you know, is essentially the same. So we
25 look at what it is talking about in the memory, if you look

:53:58 1 at the competing constructions, is non-volatile memory.

:54:04 2 Rembrandt defines it as electronic storage or holding place

:54:07 3 for data, including instructions.

:54:10 4 Why doesn't that work here? It doesn't work for

:54:12 5 the same reasons I mentioned previously. The specification

:54:15 6 tells us it has to be non-volatile memory. And the

:54:18 7 prosecution history tells us that they had to tell the

:54:21 8 Patent Office it was non-volatile memory in order to get the

:54:25 9 patent issued in the first place.

:54:26 10 The Federal Circuit is pretty clear in the

:54:28 11 SciMed case. If you have expressly excluded something in

:54:33 12 the specification, you know, you can't let that be in the

:54:37 13 claim.

:54:38 14 Here the specification very clearly tells us,

:54:41 15 when you see the blowout of the specification down there at

:54:44 16 the bottom, at the very last line, "At the very least memory

:54:49 17 20 must be non-volatile."

:54:51 18 That is a blowout from the specification down at

:54:54 19 the bottom. I have covered this at length previously.

:54:56 20 THE COURT: Do you have Column 2, Lines 50 to

:55:03 21 55?

:55:07 22 MR. DESMARAIS: Yes. I can put that right up on

:55:09 23 the screen.

:55:17 24 Here?

:55:18 25 THE COURT: Yes. You see where it indicates --

:55:24 1 I am just asking a question -- "The apparatus employing the
:55:28 2 principles of this invention does not need to have a
:55:31 3 non-volatile boot-up read only memory"? Are we talking
:55:34 4 about the same thing or are we ships passing in the night?

:55:39 5 MR. DESMARAIS: Can you show me what line you
:55:42 6 are on?

:55:43 7 THE COURT: Line 50, that is, and read on.

:55:51 8 MR. DESMARAIS: Yes. This is talking about --
:55:55 9 in fact, I think I have a slide on this. This is talking
:55:57 10 about a non-volatile boot-up read only memory, which is a
:56:01 11 ROM. And I think I have a slide on that that addresses that
:56:04 12 point. I think it's in the previous -- that is saying that
:56:09 13 it doesn't have to be a ROM, which is a particular type of
:56:12 14 memory.

:56:15 15 Let me see what I have here.

:56:24 16 THE COURT: This is not relevant to the
:56:28 17 discussion of memory.

:56:29 18 MR. DESMARAIS: Exactly. What it is saying
:56:31 19 there is you don't have to have a non-volatile ROM, which is
:56:34 20 a particular type of memory. What they then go on to say
:56:39 21 is, it has to be -- it always has to be non-volatile. It
:56:43 22 doesn't have to be a ROM. It can be an EEPROM. It can be,
:56:47 23 you know, something else. It doesn't have to be a ROM.
:56:49 24 That's what they are saying here. They are saying it
:56:52 25 doesn't have to be a boot-up -- read only memory is ROM.

1 Then they say later on -- put up Slide 21 from
2 the '159, please. This is picking up on the point, because
3 Rembrandt cites this in the brief. They say the only other
4 citation upon which Rembrandt relies is that the ROM, read
5 only memory, is required, not the non-volatile issue. What
6 they say in the brief, this is Rembrandt's brief,
7 "Additionally, the apparatus employing the principles of
8 this invention does not need to have a non-volatile boot-up
9 read only memory."

10 That is the section Your Honor was just pointing
11 us to. What that is talking about is it doesn't have to
12 have a ROM memory, because down later at Column 4, Lines 15
13 to 17, they say, "At the very least that means that memory
14 20 must be non-volatile." It doesn't need to be a ROM. It
15 can be an EEPROM. It can be some other type of non-volatile
16 memory. It doesn't have to be ROM. That is what the
17 distinction is.

18 Then, if we go back to the constructions, you
19 can see, that was the point we put on Slide 5 for the '234
20 patent. We just take that one statement and say, okay, no
21 matter what it is, it has to be non-volatile. When you look
22 at their construction, electronic storage or holding place
23 for data, including instructions, it's essentially going
24 back on what was clear in the specification.

25 But even more so, even if the specification had

1 said, you know, even if it could be interpreted as you don't
2 have to have non-volatile memory, the applicant changed that
3 during the prosecution. If we put up Slide 18 of the '159.
4 The applicant says in the prosecution, to get over the
5 Hirano reference in view of Lang, "It is clear that the
6 initialization program must be stored in non-volatile
7 memory."

8 So even if Rembrandt wants to read that piece of
9 the specification and make an argument, well, you know,
10 instead you don't have to have non-volatile, they changed
11 that during the prosecution history. They unequivocally
12 disavowed that, if they want to take that interpretation by
13 arguing here to the Patent Office to get around these
14 references that no matter what, it has to be non-volatile.
15 I think either way you want to look at it, I don't think it
16 says that, but give them the benefit of the doubt, it says
17 that, but they modify it in the prosecution. Either way,
18 they can't win on that one.

19 So let me jump to Slide 7 of the '234. This
20 term is "With the aid of a set of communications programs
21 P_{old} already resident in said memory." We see that in Claim
22 1. Then if we look at the competing constructions, I think,
23 you know, we have the same issue that we had before. The
24 term we are interpreting up at the top that ends with, the
25 last several words are "already resident in said memory."

1 But then if you look at Rembrandt's construction, they leave
2 out any mention of the memory. It is the same issue we
3 talked about just previously with the other element. They
4 say, in the alternative, their construction is, "...some of
5 the P_{old} programs assist with installing P_{new} programs." But
6 they don't mention that they are already resident in said
7 memory.

8 That is the main difference between the two
9 proposals.

10 We put the memory into the proposal. We say,
11 "The P_{old} programs executing from the non-volatile memory
12 assist with the downloading P_{new} programs for use in the
13 non-volatile memory."

14 The claim term says resident in said memory, and
15 the antecedent for that is the non-volatile memory. And
16 that is the major difference between those two
17 constructions.

18 Now, if we jump to the last tab, Tab 4, I will
19 take up the point of do the steps in these claims have to be
20 done in order? Which, I think if you just read the claim
21 language, you see on Claim 1, Slide 19, just following the
22 words of the claims, the Federal Circuit tells us, if the
23 claim language by itself tells you the order, then you have
24 to follow the order. You can't do these steps out of order
25 and still infringe.

1 So when you look at the language, it says,
2 "comprising the steps of," you are installing the EP_{new}
3 programs in a first area of said memory that contains
4 programs other than the EP_{old} programs, thereby overwriting
5 at least a portion of the programs...altering operation of
6 said apparatus to execute the EP_{new} programs.

7 So we know already that the second step has to
8 come second to the first step, because in the first step you
9 are installing the programs and in the second step you are
10 executing the programs. Then in the next step, you are
11 installing the remaining programs of said P_{new}. There can't
12 be remaining programs if you haven't already installed the
13 previous programs.

14 So just following the natural language of the
15 claim, it tells you these steps have to be done in order.
16 And it talks about right after installing the remaining
17 programs, which indicates you have already done some
18 installing, said P_{new} set of programs is in a second area of
19 said memory, which obviously means you already did something
20 in the first area.

21 So just reading the natural flow of the language
22 in and of itself tells us that the steps have to be
23 performed in order.

24 This is just a summary of the last point. The
25 first step is to download the EP_{new} subset of P_{new} into a

1 first area of said memory.

2 "The second step of altering operation to
3 execute the EP_{new} programs cannot occur until the EP_{new}
4 programs have already been installed in the first step."

5 And "The third step of installing the remaining
6 programs into a second area of memory must occur after a
7 subset of P_{new} has already been installed in a first area of
8 memory."

9 Otherwise, it doesn't make any sense and they
10 wouldn't be called remaining programs.

11 The cases that I mentioned, there is a bunch of
12 cases, the Federal Circuit, Slide 21 -- I won't belabor the
13 point.

14 Essentially, to sum them up, they say, if the
15 claim language tells you in its words that the steps follow
16 one after another, you need to interpret it that way.

17 And we don't have to rely just on the claim
18 language. The Federal Circuit also tells us, if the
19 specification tells you to do it in order, you can rely on
20 that as well.

21 Here, in the Loral Fairchild case, the language
22 of the claim, the specification, and the prosecution history
23 were used to support this concept.

24 Here, clearly, the specification has them all in
25 order, too, starting right with the abstract. The abstract

1 talks about "A modified version of the operating
2 communication program of a stored program controlled
3 apparatus is downloaded by first downloading a segment of
4 the new package of programs which contains the essential
5 portion of the new programs. Control of the apparatus is
6 then transferred to the new program segment. Thereafter,
7 utilizing the downloaded essential portion of the new
8 package of programs, the remainder of the new package of
9 programs is downloaded."

10 Clearly right in the specification, right in the
11 abstract is putting it in its sequential order. It is the
12 same in the summary of the invention. Column 2, "Utilizing
13 the most recently downloaded EP set of the new communication
14 package, the second segment downloads the remainder."

15 Clearly, the object of the invention, the
16 summary of the invention is telling us that. When we look
17 at the embodiment in Claim 4, they do it in sequential order
18 and they talk about the remainder, all the same points.
19 It's in the figures. When you look at Figure 2 and Figure
20 3, they are set up in flow charts that follow in time
21 sequence. You first install the new EP set. Then you load
22 the offset. Then you load the remainder of the programs.
23 So it follows chronologically. It is in the detailed
24 description at Column 4. "The immediate effect of loading
25 the offset address into regimen 40 is to transfer control to

1 the newly installed EP set. That means that the program in
2 the new EP set to which control is transferred must be at a
3 predetermined logic point so that the communication can
4 continue."

5 Once operation proceeds under control of the new
6 Figure 2, step 52 conditions, which we just showed in the
7 flow chart, which we showed in the flow chart, then you load
8 the remainder of the programs.

9 So all of it, the claim itself, the abstract,
10 the summary of the invention and the detailed description,
11 all show sequential order needs to be followed, one thing
12 followed by another, because you need the previous thing to
13 do your next step.

14 It also came up in the prosecution history. The
15 examiner, when granting this application, actually says in
16 the notice of allowance, "The steps" -- in other words, this
17 is the reason why it was granted -- "The steps of installing
18 the EP programs in a first area of memory containing
19 programs other than EP_{old} programs, thereafter executing the
20 EP_{new} programs instead of the EP_{old} programs, and installing
21 the remaining programs of the P_{new} set in a second area of
22 memory not occupied by EP_{new} programs, as recited in
23 independent Claims 10 and 14, are not shown or suggested by
24 the prior art of record."

25 So the important ordering of the steps was a

1 reason that the patent was granted in the first place.

2 So our proposed construction of this claim is
3 that these steps need to be done in the order that they are
4 articulated, or there is no infringement.

5 THE COURT: Let's take a break.

6 (Recess taken.)

7 THE COURT: All right. Let's continue. Mr.
8 Seitz.

9 MR. SEITZ: Two points on rebuttal, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Yes.

11 MR. SEITZ: If we could put Claim 1 back up
12 here, please.

13 This is on the point of overwriting versus
14 complete erasure, where we seem to have a difference of
15 opinion.

16 Here is the claim language, which says, "Said
17 memory being of a type which may be completely updated in
18 its entirety."

19 "May" is permissive. It does not mean that it
20 has to be erased. It means that it can be updated. It
21 could be completely overwritten. It could be erased. But
22 there is no requirement that it be erased.

23 You can see, the claim uses permissive language,
24 not mandatory language. If you look at their claim
25 construction language, they have essentially made it

1 mandatory.

2 Onto the next point.

3 If we could turn the Elmo on.

4 It's interesting, we don't have a quarrel with
5 some of what Mr. Desmarais said on non-volatile memory. But
6 when you look at it, what you did not hear Mr. Desmarais
7 address at all was the distinction between storage and
8 execution. For instance, here is Mr. Desmarais's slide,
9 which clearly shows that there was a distinction made. It's
10 clear that the initialization program must be stored in
11 non-volatile memory.

12 We don't have a dispute that memory 20 is
13 non-volatile memory, which is what he spent a lot of his
14 time on, setting up the straw man, that there is not a
15 dispute, that memory being non-volatile. But their claim
16 limitations that they try and add to the claims require that
17 programs be executed from the non-volatile memory. And
18 that's where the quarrel is. There is no requirement in the
19 claim language that programs execute, only that they be
20 stored, as this slide shows.

21 Okay. On the means-plus-function claim that Mr.
22 Desmarais got to. The point of dispute is the structure
23 that Rembrandt has proposed is the processor, which is what
24 is used to receive the information through said
25 communication port, which is the claim terms being construed

1 here.

2 And I think we would agree that you only recite
3 the structure that is essential to performing the function.
4 That's what the law requires. So instead of just reciting
5 the processor which performs that function, what they have
6 done is they have tagged on all the other things that hang
7 on the processor, instead of just the essential portion of
8 this, which is the processor, which accomplishes this
9 function. Of course, then they can come back and say, if
10 one of these things doesn't hang on the processor or they
11 have some different configuration, then all of these things
12 that hang on the processor distinguish it and they don't
13 infringe.

14 So if we limit it to the structure that is
15 essential and not put on all the bells and whistles in an
16 attempt to distinguish it for noninfringement, we have a
17 different case.

18 On the ordering that Mr. Desmarais spent some
19 time on, the claim language does say steps, Your Honor. And
20 I don't think we have a quarrel with the steps, that Mr.
21 Desmarais seemed to be saying we have a disagreement that
22 there are steps in this claim. What our quibble is, with
23 inserting the timing limitation that they try and put in
24 here.

25 If you see their proposed construction, they

1 require immediate execution, for instance. I think you will
2 see, in some of the other step claims, where the claims talk
3 about steps, there is a timing issue.

4 So, again, I don't think some of what he said
5 was in dispute. But what is disputed is whether there has
6 to be a timing, whether that has to be immediate. I don't
7 think you will see any support for immediate execution of
8 programs.

9 Again, they get close, but then by inserting
10 things like "immediate," it is an additional limitation,
11 which is not warranted.

12 Finally, looking at the '234 patent, here is the
13 same problem again with their claim constructions. And it's
14 important to be sensitive to the fact that these patents are
15 not about executing programs, and it's not about using
16 programs from the non-volatile memory. It's about storage.
17 We already showed that in the first slide. The patents are
18 about storage. They are not about where it can execute
19 from. There is other memory in the system where programs
20 can be executed from. So adding a limitation that it has to
21 be executed from the non-volatile memory is not supported by
22 the specification or the claim itself.

23 Thank you.

24 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Seitz.

25 MR. DESMARAIS: Is there any chance for me to

:26:17 1 make a small point?

:26:18 2 THE COURT: No. I think I got your point.

:26:27 3 MR. ROZENDAAL: Next up, Your Honor, is the '903
:26:31 4 patent. This one is a slightly different emphasis, the
:26:36 5 technology is a little different than what we have been
:26:39 6 talking about so far.

:26:43 7 The patent has to do with compensating for noise
:26:47 8 on the transmission line.

:26:49 9 THE COURT: Do I have your handouts?

:26:51 10 MR. ROZENDAAL: I am sorry. I apologize.

:27:29 11 So, as Mr. Seitz mentioned at the beginning of
:27:33 12 the day yesterday in his brief introduction to the patents,
:27:36 13 the problem addressed here is that noise introduces
:27:40 14 unreliability and errors into communications systems so that
:27:46 15 data sent is not correctly received on the receiving end.

:27:54 16 What the '903 patent does is to adjust the
:27:58 17 signal being sent out by a transmitting modem in order to
:28:03 18 compensate for noise that is experienced during
:28:06 19 transmission. And the result is that the receiving modem
:28:08 20 gets a clearer message with fewer errors.

:28:13 21 The way it works is that the receiving modem
:28:17 22 figures out which part of the signal being received is
:28:24 23 noise, and then transmits that information back to the
:28:28 24 transmitting modem so that the transmitting modem can adjust
:28:31 25 its output to compensate for the noise. So it doesn't

1 actually eliminate the noise that is on the line, but it
2 adjusts the signal before it gets onto the line in order to
3 compensate for the noise that will be experienced during the
4 transmission.

5 The idea is similar to, if Your Honor has been
6 on an airplane lately, you will have seen people wearing
7 these noise canceling headsets that perceive the noise and
8 then are able to compensate for it.

9 Another slightly more precise analogy would be
10 the equalizer on a home stereo system. If a stereo is in a
11 room and there are thicker carpets or curtains that absorb
12 certain frequencies, it is possible with an equalizer to
13 boost certain signals in the output from the stereo to
14 compensate for the signals that are lost due to objects in
15 the room. And the result is a higher fidelity reception
16 when you are listening, when your ear receives the output of
17 the speakers.

18 The patent operates on all kinds of
19 communications lines. Again, this is coming back to the
20 theme we saw from yesterday that defendants occasionally try
21 to say these are only telephone patents. The patent is
22 explicit that it operates on telephone and other
23 communications line applications. So that should not be an
24 issue here.

25 The figure in the patent that summarizes the

1 system most completely is Figure 5, which we have shown
2 here. On the left side, we have the remote modem, which we
3 have indicated in gray in the background. On the right side
4 we have the master modem or central modem in the system.

5 And there is a signal transmitted between the
6 remote modem and the master modem, which is distorted --
7 affected by noise.

8 The remote modem sends a signal to the master
9 modem. The master modem is able to determine what is
10 referred to as the noise spectrum of the received signal.
11 And it does that as shown in Figure 4. The received signal
12 comes in here at RX as receiver. It goes through an
13 analog-digital converter, it goes through an equalizer, it
14 goes through a phase connector, and it ends up in an analog
15 box 62, which is the slicer. The slicer interprets the
16 signal and transmits it into symbols which can be understood
17 by the modem.

18 The received signal goes into the slicer and it
19 also goes into the, what's called the comparator 64, which
20 calculates the difference between the actual received signal
21 and the signal that it knows should have been received.

22 The way this works is, because the modem can
23 only understand, can only receive, in a given modulation, a
24 certain number of symbols, a certain number of different
25 kinds of signals, it can -- if you could imagine the signals

1 being plotted on a graph, there will be a point. And the
2 modem knows where the point should be because it knows that
3 there are only three or four possible points. It can then
4 see where the point that it received is, and it can
5 calculate the difference between the received point and the
6 point that it knows should have been sent. Based on that,
7 it is able to figure out that there is noise causing a
8 certain amount of distortion between what is actually
9 received and what it knows must have been intended to be
10 sent.

11 So the comparator 64 compares the received
12 signal to the presumed signal, and that gives it the error
13 signal, which represents the noise on the line.

14 That is then run through one more phase
15 corrector, and then into something called the complex
16 discrete Fourier transform, No. 68, which outputs the noise
17 spectrum.

18 We are going to talk a little more later about
19 how the complex discrete Fourier transform works. The basic
20 idea is that it translates a signal, a graph that has time
21 on the x axis, so there is a representation of the noise
22 signal that has time on the x axis and amplitude on the y
23 axis, showing how the noise changes over time. That signal
24 is input into the discrete Fourier transform. And the
25 output is the same information but graphed in a different

way.

All right. So the bottom line is, we generate -- we figure out what the error signal is, the noise signal. Then we generate parameters based on the noise signal that represent the noise at different frequencies.

The parameters are then used to calculate what are referred to as pre-emphasis coefficients. Why are they pre-emphasis? They are pre-emphasis because they are applied at the sending modem rather than the receiving modem.

So the coefficients are sent to the pre-filter and the pre-filter will boost certain frequencies or suppress other frequencies in order to compensate for the noise that will happen on the line during transmission.

So it doesn't actually eliminate the noise, but it adjusts the signal so that the impact of the noise on the signal will be less. And there we have the cleaner signal arriving at the master modem.

Okay. Rembrandt has requested construction of only two terms in the patent. We think that the rest can be done with plain meaning.

The defendants have requested construction of 15 terms. And there are four main limitations that we would like to focus on in today's presentation. The defendants

1 argue that the parameters need to be generated at precisely
2 the set of frequencies that are mentioned in the
3 specification. It's clear that the specification gives an
4 example. It's clear that the invention will work using
5 other frequencies. But they would limit the invention to
6 those frequencies.

7 They define the concept of noise spectrum in a
8 way that it can only be plotted in the frequency domain
9 rather than in the time domain. I will talk in a moment
10 about the exact difference there.

11 They would require that the pre-emphasis
12 coefficients must be computed only at the transmitting
13 modem, which is something not required by the patent. It is
14 required that they be applied to the signal at the
15 transmitting modem. But they do not have to be calculated
16 there.

17 And they would also require that the adjusted
18 signal to be input into the receiving modem has a constant
19 signal-to-noise ratio across all frequencies whether the
20 noise is injected before or after the high-frequency
21 roll-off of a communications line.

22 That is one goal of the invention. It is not a
23 requirement of the claims. And it is actually not done in
24 the preferred embodiment, for reasons that I will explain.

25 So these are extra limitations that we believe

1 should not be included in the claim construction.

2 Okay. As we have been doing before, we will
3 start out by going through Claim 1. Claim 1 begins with "An
4 apparatus for calculating pre-emphasis coefficients for a
5 transmitting modem in a communications system." And the
6 first element is a "first transmitting means in the
7 transmitting modem, including adjusting means responsive to
8 the pre-emphasis coefficients for adjusting
9 frequency-dependent characteristics of an output of said
10 first transmitting means."

11 The first problem that we encounter in the
12 defendants' definition is that the claim contains a
13 transmitting means, and then it also includes an adjusting
14 means. The defendants in their proposed constructions do
15 not distinguish between the transmitting means and the
16 adjusting means. As far as we can tell, they attribute the
17 structure and function of the adjusting means to the
18 transmitting means and vice versa.

19 So, first of all, we don't think the
20 transmitting means actually requires treatment under 112,
21 Paragraph 6, because, first of all, it doesn't say "means
22 for." And it talks about -- it's pretty clear that the
23 transmitting means is just a transmitter. I don't think
24 there is any real dispute about that.

25 So we think the transmitter 14 as shown in

Figure 5, including the pre-filter, would be the transmitting means.

The adjusting means is the pre-filter, Element 16 of Figure 5, which is the part of the modem that applies the coefficients to the signal to compensate for the noise.

And they would require -- that's all we think that the pre-filter or its equivalents, as shown in Figure 5, is all the structure that is needed.

They would require that, first of all, they would make it a conventional modem transmitter, which appears to be some sort of effort to restrict this to telephones, again, which we don't think would be appropriate.

The nine-tap filter 70 is, there is a bunch of extra structure here which we think is not necessary to carry out the function of adjusting the frequency-dependent characteristics. In other words, they take the particular details of the pre-filter in Figure 5 and try to make them requirements for corresponding structure. But, in fact, the law is clear that only the structures needed to carry out the function should be included in the corresponding structure.

The specification is clear that pre-filter 16 pre-emphasizes the digital signals. That's what the function that we are talking about is, the justifying of the

output of the transmitting modem.

We know that the pre-emphasis coefficients are sent to pre-filter 16 so that they can be applied to the signal. And we don't think any more structure is needed. And the proof that no more structure is needed is shown under the doctrine of claim differentiation in Claims 2 and 3. Claim 2 talks about an adjusting means including a filter with several taps. Claim 3 includes a filter with at least nine taps.

If Claim 1 by itself required a filter that had nine taps, then Claims 2 and 3 wouldn't have any content.

Then we get to adjusting frequency-dependent characteristics. This is the function of the adjusting means that we were just talking about. The adjusting means, the function of the adjusting means is to adjust frequency-dependent characteristics of the output. What the defendants are trying to do is add the requirement not found in the claim that this function has to be such that the signal being input into the receiving modem has a constant signal-to-noise ratio across all frequencies whether the noise is injected before or after the high-frequency roll-off of a communications line.

If these words were in the claim, that would be okay. But what they are doing is changing the expressly recited function of a means-plus-function term by adding

1 extra words, which is a no-no under controlling Federal
2 Circuit law.

3 We don't think that the function requires any
4 particular construction. The frequency-dependent
5 characteristics are just characteristics that depend on
6 frequency.

7 The mention of a constant signal-to-noise ratio
8 is mentioned at the outset of the patent as one goal of the
9 patent. But it's not required that every embodiment achieve
10 a goal perfectly, which seems to be what defendants would
11 require.

12 Not all communications lines even have a
13 high-frequency roll-off. The concept of a high frequency
14 roll-off refers to a situation in which the upper
15 frequencies being transmitted along the line suffer
16 degradation during transmission, so what you have is
17 stronger lower frequencies and poor reception at the higher
18 frequencies. Not all communications lines have that
19 property. And so to require that, to presume that that is a
20 requirement of the claim just doesn't make any sense.

21 Finally, in the preferred embodiment described
22 in the specification, when the coefficients are calculated,
23 the coefficients that are going to be applied to adjust the
24 signal in the transmitting modem, when they are calculated
25 in the preferred embodiment, they are cut in half. The

1 reason being that only half of the noise compensation is
2 done at the transmitting modem. And the other half is going
3 to be done at the receiving modem.

4 Therefore, as a result of that, even in the
5 preferred embodiment, even if it were working perfectly, it
6 would not be the case that the receiving modem gets a
7 constant signal-to-noise ratio across all frequencies
8 because half of the compensation for noise is going to
9 happen at the receiving modem.

10 So this is really a fairly bold effort on the
11 part of the defendants just to add extra limitations that
12 really don't belong in the claim.

13 Okay. We have generating means for generating
14 parameters responsive to a noise spectrum. The concept of a
15 noise spectrum is a representation of the noise that is
16 present on a communications line. And the defendants, for
17 reasons that are not fully clear to us, would require that
18 the noise signal be expressed in a frequency domain plot in
19 order to count as a noise spectrum.

20 To give you an idea of what the fight is about
21 here, if we go to Figure 4 of the patent, as I said earlier,
22 the signal, at the receiving modem, comes into the receiver.
23 It goes through the analog-digital converter. It is
24 converted into symbols. The error signal is calculated.
25 And the output of that calculation is sent to calculation

1 block 68, which is the Fourier transform.

2 As this is described in the preferred
3 embodiment, the noise signal that leaves circuit 50 is in
4 the top domain, which means that, if you could imagine this
5 as an x/y graph of the information, the x axis will be time,
6 and the variations in the noise over time are input into
7 block 68. What block 68 does is takes that same information
8 and changes the representation of the information. So that
9 the graph coming out of block 68 shows frequency on the x
10 axis. So you have the noise organized, you can see how the
11 noise changes with frequencies rather than how it varies
12 over time. But the information about the noise is exactly
13 the same. It's a little bit like, it's two ways of
14 representing the same thing.

15 For example, one could refer to the location of
16 this courthouse by its street address or by its longitude
17 and latitude, and the information contained would be the
18 same. It would still be a location, and you could find it
19 either way. But for some purposes, longitude and latitude
20 are more useful, and for other purposes street address is
21 more useful.

22 The same concept is being applied here. You
23 have got the same information being represented as a time
24 graph going on and as a frequency graph coming out. But it
25 is still a noise spectrum. For reasons that are not clear

1 to us, the defendants are asking that the term noise
2 spectrum be limited to representations of the noise in the
3 frequency domain.

4 All right. The generating means which generates
5 the parameters responsive to the noise spectrum, again, we
6 have a slight disagreement about the function. Instead of
7 taking the function from the claim term, as we do,
8 generating means for generating parameters responsive to a
9 noise spectrum, they say generating parameters by choosing
10 points of a noise spectrum. And then they require that the
11 corresponding structure not just be a Fourier transform to
12 take the information from the time domain into the frequency
13 domain. They would require that it be a particular Fourier
14 transform that operates at particular frequencies, which is,
15 again, not necessary to carry out the function. Any
16 frequencies could be used to carry out the translation from
17 the time domain to the frequency domain. And they are just
18 trying to add extra limitations that are not appropriate,
19 extra structure that is not appropriate.

20 We have tried to illustrate to sort of make
21 sense of where the calculating and generating goes on. The
22 parameters are generated out of block 68. The calculation
23 of the noise is done in circuit 50, which we have indicated
24 here in blue. And, strictly speaking, because the
25 generating means says that it includes the calculating

means, the generating means probably includes both the orange and blue portions of the figure here. Then when it says said output, it is referring to the signal that is output from the transmitter and received at the receiving modem.

So to sort of see how this flows through, the output of the transmitter is received in purple. The noise is calculated in circuit 50. And parameters are generated out of box 68.

Now, there was a first transmitting means which was the transmitter and the remote modem. The second transmitting means is the transmitter in the master modem which sends information back to the remote modem so that the remote modem can adjust its signal. Again, it tells us, the claim tells us that the function is transmitting parameters to the transmitting modem. And all you need to do that, the only structure you need is the transmitter, which is shown as element 38 in Figure 5, which sends the signal back to the first transmitter.

They, again, take unnecessary elements of one particular embodiment and try to make them requirements for the corresponding structure. So it's not enough for them that it be a transmitter. It has to be a low-rate transmitter. It has to transmit on a side band of the primary channel at a low transmission rate through Line 42.

1 All you need is a transmitter to send the
2 parameters, to send the information back to the receiving
3 modem so that they can be applied, the coefficients can be
4 calculated and the information applied to the signal at the
5 pre-filter. Again, claim differentiation underscores the
6 fact that the structure they identify is not necessary to
7 carry out the function, because Claim 15 describes an
8 apparatus where the second transmitting means transmits over
9 a secondary channel. Claim 16 talks about a second
10 transmitting means where the secondary channel is a side
11 band channel of the first transmitting means.

12 So, again, if the requirements of Claims 15 and
13 16, if it were true that you needed a secondary channel and
14 you needed a secondary channel to be a side band channel,
15 then Claims 15 and 16 would be redundant. And so that just
16 underscores the fact that, again, instead of taking just the
17 structure needed to carry out the function, they are adding
18 additional, unnecessary structure.

19 We are getting down to the end of Claim 1 here.

20 There is a computing means for computing the
21 pre-emphasis coefficients.

22 This is another example where we have both extra
23 function and extra structure being proposed by the
24 defendants. We start with the function. This is really
25 very striking.

:51:04 1 The words of the claim are "computing means for
:51:07 2 computing the pre-emphasis coefficients from the
:51:11 3 parameters." The defendants want the function to be
:51:16 4 computing at the transmitting modem pre-emphasis
:51:18 5 coefficients from said parameters.

:51:20 6 That is not found anywhere in the claim. That
:51:23 7 is a pure attempt to take the preferred embodiment, which
:51:27 8 does show, as we saw in Figure 5, it does show the
:51:30 9 calculation happening at the transmitting modem. But the
:51:34 10 claim doesn't require that it has to happen there. And
:51:37 11 their addition of "at the transmitting modem" to this
:51:41 12 function is just a completely unwarranted attempt to take
:51:48 13 one feature of the preferred embodiment and make it a claim
:51:52 14 requirement.

:51:53 15 Then, in addition, they add a lot of structure
:51:56 16 that's not necessary to the corresponding structure. They
:52:04 17 have comparator 28 and register 26 and multiplier 30.

:52:08 18 Sort of cutting to the chase here, you know, we
:52:13 19 think the computation block 48, the function of which is
:52:16 20 described in the specification, is plenty of structure. To
:52:21 21 underscore how unnecessary the remaining structures
:52:24 22 identified by the defendants are, they say multiplier 30 is
:52:32 23 corresponding structure for the computing means. The
:52:35 24 specification tells us, in Column 4, as we see here, that
:52:40 25 multiplier 30 is optional. Well, if it is optional, it

1 can't be necessary to carry out the function of calculating.

2 So this just shows, again, that they are
3 attempting to bulk up the structure with unnecessary
4 structures, things that are not needed to carry out the
5 claimed function.

6 That brings us to the end of the '903 patent.
7 We have summarized again on Slide 40 the extra limitations
8 that defendants have proposed and that we believe are
9 unwarranted.

10 THE COURT: Okay. Let's resume at 2:00.

11 (Luncheon recess taken.)

12 THE COURT: Counsel, please, take your seats.

13 MR. DESMARAIS: May I approach, Your Honor?

14 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

15 All right.

16 MR. DESMARAIS: Your Honor, we are on the '903,
17 which is the adaptive transmit pre-emphasis for digital
18 modem computed from the noise spectrum.

19 We do have a difference of opinion on the scope
20 of this invention just generally, because, as they tell us
21 right in the specification, a lot of this stuff is old.
22 Right in the background of the art, they tell us at Column
23 1, "It is well-known in the prior art that a transmitter in
24 a communications network, particularly a multipoint network,
25 should emphasize or amplify certain frequencies so as to

1 compensate for frequency-dependent losses in the
2 communications process."

3 This patent didn't come up with that idea. In
4 fact, for certain types of noise here, we see on Column 1,
5 "When noise is injected into a communications line
6 subsequent to the high-frequency roll-off of the
7 communications line, the prior art methods of
8 frequency-dependent analysis of the total energy received is
9 adequate..."

10 Not only were there prior art ways of doing it,
11 the inventors themselves indicated that the prior art ways
12 of doing it were, in fact, adequate.

13 Slide 6.

14 What happened in this invention was a very
15 specific way of doing it, and we see this in the objects and
16 summary of the invention at Column 2, Line 45: "This
17 apparatus and method uses a noise spectrum generator circuit
18 to calculate a frequency-dependent noise spectrum."

19 "The transmitter uses this information to
20 compute the new pre-emphasis coefficients from its own
21 transmitted spectrum as seen by the receiver and uses the
22 result on its subsequent transmission."

23 You see in Figure 4 what the invention really
24 was about was this noise spectrum generator circuit which
25 generates a noise spectrum. What you see on the right

1 coming out of Figure 4 is something the patent calls a noise
2 spectrum. You can see in Figure 4, what the patent calls a
3 noise spectrum is right here, coming out of the noise
4 generator circuit.

5 Rembrandt wants to say that the noise spectrum
6 is back here, when the patent itself tells you what the
7 noise spectrum is and where it is generating.

8 If we look at the slide from Rembrandt's
9 presentation, this is from their tutorial, Slide 25,
10 contrary to Figure 4, they want to label the noise
11 spectrum -- this is Rembrandt's slide -- they want to label
12 the noise spectrum back here. In fact, that's what they do
13 all throughout their constructions. The patent tells us
14 it's here, and this circuit generates it. But they want to
15 label it here.

16 So I think there is a fundamental disconnect
17 here on what the science in this case is all about. So I
18 would like to spend just a minute talking about what a
19 spectrum is.

20 The patent teaches us -- this is my poor attempt
21 at a handwritten graph.

22 THE COURT: Is this your expert testimony?

23 MR. DESMARAIS: No. It is actually described in
24 the patent about noise signals versus noise spectrum. I am
25 just trying to show by schematics what that means.

:11:58 1 THE COURT: All right.

:12:00 2 MR. DESMARAIS: A noise signal is just, you
:12:02 3 know, the common parlance, it is a signal over time.
:12:06 4 Amplitude versus time. This is what we learned in chemistry
:12:10 5 and physics in high school, that a signal is plotted over
:12:14 6 time and it's a waveform.

:12:16 7 That is not what a spectrum is. What the patent
:12:18 8 tells us is you have to take this signal, send it through a
:12:22 9 discrete Fourier transform, which is the DFT in that figure.
:12:28 10 What comes out of that is a spectrum, and the spectrum
:12:31 11 doesn't look like this. The spectrum looks like this. It
:12:34 12 is a plot of power or amplitude versus frequency. That is
:12:37 13 what the patent tells us. These are frequency bars. It is
:12:40 14 not a wave. It is a plot of frequency points versus
:12:43 15 amplitude or power. They are two very different things.

:12:47 16 Counsel said in his comments, in his argument,
:12:48 17 that the noise and the frequency were the same thing, they
:12:53 18 are just different snapshots. That is not right. What the
:12:56 19 patent tells us is noise is a signal, which is a wave, and
:12:59 20 what comes out of the spectrum generator is a plot versus
:13:03 21 frequency.

:13:04 22 That is important as we get into the claim
:13:06 23 terms, because the first term on Slide 8 is noise spectrum.
:13:14 24 It's in the claims, 1, 6, 8 and 21.

:13:19 25 If you look at the two competing constructions,

1 it's this misunderstanding of the fundamental science
2 concept that creates the difference between these two
3 constructions.

4 Rembrandt's proposal, which again they say is
5 plain meaning, they say, the noise spectrum is the noise
6 signal values. That is directly contrary to the patent and
7 it's --

8 THE COURT: I take it that at the
9 meet-and-confer this fundamental difference or
10 misunderstanding was discussed?

11 MR. DESMARAIS: I assume so, yes. My partner
12 did the meet-and-confer. I assume so.

13 THE COURT: Because if it is that fundamental --

14 MR. DESMARAIS: But it is also right in the
15 patent.

16 THE COURT: -- I am wondering why the Court has
17 to take time with it. Do we have a disagreement on
18 fundamental science, counsel, precepts of science?

19 MR. ROZENDAAL: I think we agree, Your Honor, on
20 what the Fourier transform does. I think the difference is
21 that, for reasons that are not clear to us, the defendants
22 don't want to call the input a spectrum. They want to call
23 it a noise signal rather than a noise spectrum.

24 THE COURT: I don't mind reasonable arguments,
25 arguments that are based in science. But I don't want to be

1 spun. That's my point, in the common parlance.

2 MR. DESMARAIS: I agree a hundred percent, Your
3 Honor. That why I am discussing this issue.

4 Rembrandt is advocating a fundamental
5 misunderstanding of the science, and that is why I am
6 bringing it up.

7 THE COURT: We will find out.

8 MR. DESMARAIS: You look at our proposed
9 construction of noise spectrum, and this is the plain
10 scientific meaning of what a spectrum is. It is a frequency
11 domain plot of the noise signals across a range of
12 frequencies.

13 How do we know that from the evidence in the
14 case?

15 If you look at just the plain old technical
16 dictionaries, a spectrum is a continuous range of
17 frequencies. Look at the Webster's. Spectrum: The
18 intensity of any radiation or motion displayed as a function
19 of frequency or wavelength.

20 I actually want to highlight -- I didn't
21 highlight this on the chart. I want to highlight what comes
22 before, because I think Your Honor will remember from a long
23 time ago in high school physics this definition which I
24 didn't highlight. It says, in the first definition: A
25 series of colored bands dispersed and arranged in the order

:15:42 1 of their respective wavelengths by the passage of white
:15:46 2 light through a prism.

:15:48 3 I think you will remember, we all learned in
:15:50 4 high school --

:15:51 5 THE COURT: It is a long time ago for me, Mr.
:15:53 6 Desmarais.

:15:53 7 MR. DESMARAIS: I drew a graph of it.

:15:56 8 THE COURT: That's okay.

:15:57 9 MR. DESMARAIS: It is actually a long time ago
:15:59 10 for me as well. We learned that you take white light and
:16:02 11 shine it through a prism, and the prism breaks it into the
:16:06 12 rainbow, red-yellow-orange-green- -- this is then, we were
:16:14 13 taught, the light spectrum. This is a lightwave or a light
:16:18 14 signal. You have a signal, which is amplitude versus time,
:16:22 15 going through a prism. And that changes it into a spectrum.

:16:26 16 That's what spectrum means.

:16:32 17 We go back to, noise is exactly the same as
:16:34 18 white light. Noise has that noise signal, which is
:16:37 19 amplitude versus time. You send it through a Fourier
:16:40 20 transform, and it changes it to a spectrum, which is broken
:16:43 21 up by frequencies, exactly like the light prism.

:16:46 22 So we know that, from, first of all, the plain
:16:49 23 dictionary definitions, a spectrum is something which is a
:16:52 24 range of frequencies or intensity or radiation versus
:16:57 25 wavelength and frequency. It is also in the patent. If we

1 look at Slide 12, right in the objects and summary of the
2 invention, it says, "This apparatus and method uses a noise
3 spectrum generator circuit to calculate a
4 frequency-dependent noise spectrum."

5 Then if we go back to the figure, the circuit
6 generates the noise spectrum here, coming out of the DFT,
7 which is the Fourier. So this DFT is the prism, if you were
8 dealing with light. It takes the signal. You send it
9 through the prism. And it comes out as a noise spectrum.

10 That is actually described, if we look at Slide
11 13, at Column 3, Line 42. "Complex DFT block 68 converts
12 the phase corrected noise signals in the time domain," which
13 are successive values corresponding to successive
14 frequencies," into the noise spectrum in the frequency
15 domain."

16 The patent is telling us exactly what
17 fundamental science tells us. You take noise signals, which
18 is that time waveform, you put it into the DFT, and it is
19 transformed into a spectrum, which is a frequency plot. And
20 then they give us more description at Column 4: "The noise
21 spectrum generator circuit 50, including the complex DFT
22 block 68, calculates a frequency spectrum."

23 So the patent is using the terms in exactly the
24 way common high school science tells us the terms were used.
25 Yet when you look at how Rembrandt is interpreting the

1 claims, contrary to the figure, which tells us the spectrum
2 is here, they are saying you have the spectrum here and
3 before, which doesn't make any sense in the context of the
4 invention.

5 So when you go back, then, to the competing
6 constructions on Slide 10, when we are interpreting noise
7 spectrum, it is a frequency domain plot of the noise signals
8 across a range of frequencies. It is not noise signal
9 values. Noise signal value is what is going into the DFT.
10 What is coming out of the DFT is the noise spectrum.

11 The next term that I want to talk about is on
12 Slide 14, "Generating parameters responsive to said noise
13 spectrum." You see that in Claim 1 and some of the other
14 claims are related terms.

15 Then, if we look at the competing constructions,
16 our construction is, "generating parameters by choosing
17 points of a noise spectrum of said output," which comes
18 right from the patent, and I will show you. And Rembrandt's
19 proposed construction is, "generating values based upon the
20 noise spectrum of the signal received from the transmitting
21 modem."

22 But if you look at how they do it in the patent,
23 they are actually quite specific. It's at Slide 17. Once
24 you get the spectrum plot, which is the thing that I am
25 going to show you looks like this, once you get this

1 spectrum plot, you see, then, at Column 4, we go back to
2 Slide 17, "The frequencies are chosen from a 22 point
3 discrete Fourier transform calculation so as to span the
4 usable frequency."

5 You get the frequency plot, and of the 22 points
6 on that graph, you choose the ones you are going to use in
7 the calculation. And that's what it means to generate
8 parameters responsive to the noise spectrum.

9 If we go back to the competing constructions,
10 generating parameters responsive to the noise spectrum, ours
11 is directly from the patent specification: generating
12 parameters by choosing points of a noise spectrum of said
13 output.

14 Then if we jump to Slide 39, which is another
15 term that deals with the same issue, "generating means for
16 generating parameters responsive to a noise spectrum of said
17 output," so this is a means plus function, we will do the
18 claim function first. What does it mean to generate a means
19 for generating parameters responsive to noise spectrum?
20 That is the term we just dealt with. And our definition
21 exactly tracks that other one. That is why I am including
22 this together. The function is generating parameters by
23 choosing points of a noise spectrum of said output.

24 Rembrandt's again is broader than that, goes
25 away from what the claimed invention was. We see that here

1 on Column 4: "These frequencies are chosen from a 22
2 discrete Fourier transform calculation so as to span," it
3 goes on. It is the same quote we talked about before.

4 That issue carries through on both of these
5 claim terms.

6 Then, because it's means plus function, we have
7 to look at the structure, too. The structure, I think we
8 may have the same structure, although cited differently.
9 Let me put this up and show you. Our proposed structure is
10 the noise spectrum generator circuit 50, including that
11 complex DFT block 68. This goes back to the same point that
12 I was making earlier, that what we are interpreting is the
13 generating means for generating parameters responsive to a
14 noise spectrum of said output.

15 If we go back to the figure, the noise spectrum
16 comes out of 68, which is this DFT block. You can't be
17 doing this function if you don't have block 68. And
18 Rembrandt appears to agree with that, because they have
19 cited Figure 4, 68. But then if you look what happened,
20 they are also citing Column 3, Lines 41 to 45, and Column 4,
21 55 to 56, which, if you actually look at what that is, it is
22 exactly what we put in ours in words.

23 So I am not sure there is a disconnect in the
24 structure as much as just having it be phrased
25 incorrectly -- excuse me, phrased differently. But it looks

1 like we have an agreement on the structure. So the only
2 real issue is the function. Are we choosing these
3 parameters? Which, for our point, comes right from the
4 specification.

5 If we look at Slide 44, we will go to the next
6 term, which is "means for calculating said noise spectrum."
7 This will go quickly because it's very similar. If you look
8 at the competing constructions, our proposed construction,
9 "calculating noise signals of said output in the time domain
10 and converting them into a spectrum in the frequency
11 domain," that's exactly what is happening in the patent.
12 And Rembrandt's proposal, "calculating said noise spectrum
13 of said output."

14 They are not very different from the point of
15 view of the science if we give noise spectrum the proper
16 interpretation, which is the frequency domain plot.

17 Then if we look at the structure --

18 THE COURT: I am wondering, I had some
19 difficulty with both parties' proposals. We are talking
20 about generating parameters responsive to said noise
21 spectrum of said output?

22 MR. DESMARAIS: We can go back to that one on
23 Slide 41. Yes. Means for generating parameters responsive
24 to the noise spectrum.

25 THE COURT: I am just not sure whether either

1 party's proposals really offer a definition of the term -- I
2 may be not on the same term. I wanted to make sure we were
3 talking about the same thing.

4 MR. DESMARAIS: Going back to the one I think
5 you are talking about...

6 THE COURT: I am probably behind you.

7 You will forgive me. I have things in a
8 different order than the parties. What I am specifically
9 wondering about right now is generating parameters
10 responsive to said noise spectrum of said output.

11 MR. DESMARAIS: That is the one I have moved to.

12 THE COURT: You have gotten it, okay. So then
13 the note that I have is: Regards both parties' definitions
14 and whether this wouldn't be an occasion where, indeed,
15 plain and ordinary meaning might be the best way to go.

16 MR. DESMARAIS: I think, for this particular
17 one, for the function, plain and ordinary meaning would be
18 fine. But --

19 THE COURT: I guess that is what I am asking, to
20 be more specific.

21 MR. DESMARAIS: For the function. Because it's
22 means plus function, we have to interpret it because we have
23 to do the structure. We don't have to change the function,
24 is what I am telling you. I am agreeing with you on that.
25 But it doesn't mean we don't have to interpret the term,

1 because then we have to then go to what is the structure
2 that does that function.

3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 MR. DESMARAIS: So if we went with plain meaning
5 on the claim function, it doesn't change what I was saying
6 about the structure, that was this slide, 43, where the
7 structure for that, I believe the parties are very close in
8 what they are doing, because we have both put -- they did it
9 in words, a discrete Fourier transform circuit or the
10 equivalents, Figure 4, 68, we called out exactly Figure 4,
11 block 68. Then the text description tells you exactly what
12 that means. They cited the text. We wrote it out. So I
13 think we are doing the same thing.

14 Then going on to the next one, which is Slide
15 44, "means for calculating said noise spectrum of said
16 output," we see that in Claim 1 and some of the other
17 claims. And then this is where I was comparing the two
18 proposed constructions. Again, this is what I was saying.
19 Rembrandt's, while it doesn't make it as clear as ours,
20 isn't wrong, depending on how you define noise spectrum. If
21 they are saying the noise spectrum means noise signals, then
22 their function is clearly wrong, because that is not how
23 this works. If noise spectrum actually means noise
24 spectrum, which is the plot versus frequency, then their
25 proposed function is probably okay.

1 Our construction is responding to their
2 definition of noise spectrum, because noise spectrum is the
3 way they have construed it, as a matter of science, totally
4 wrong.

5 Then, if we go to the structure for this
6 means-plus-function element, here, so we are looking at
7 calculating, means for calculating said noise spectrum of
8 said output, now, we know the way that the noise spectrum is
9 calculated is here in Figure 4. This is the noise spectrum
10 generator circuit. And the noise spectrum comes out here.
11 This is calculating it. And yet if you look at Rembrandt's
12 proposal, they only put Figure 4, element 50, and Figure 5,
13 element 24. They leave out all of the pieces of Figure 4
14 that are actually calculating the noise spectrum.

15 So what we have done in ours, the noise spectrum
16 generator circuit 50, including the -- we put the different
17 pieces, which all that is is an articulation of the pieces
18 that are right here in Figure 4 which are necessary to get
19 the noise spectrum output here from the DFT.

20 They totally exclude the DFT, where the patent
21 tells us expressly that the noise spectrum comes out of the
22 DFT.

23 Then you look at Rembrandt's proposed structure,
24 they don't even list the DFT. I don't know how that can be
25 right.

1 Lastly, on just the general theme of their
2 constructions, not this one in particular, but some of the
3 other means-plus-function elements that they were talking
4 about in their comments, they said time and time again there
5 were dependent claims that had further amplifications of the
6 structure, and therefore, when they do the structure for the
7 independent claim, they need to back out from that
8 corresponding structure structure that would go just to the
9 dependent claims. That is totally wrong in the context of
10 means-plus-function claims.

11 I can show you some excerpts from cases. This
12 one in particular is the Nomos Corporation v. Brainlab case,
13 which, by the way, is a great name for a company, as an
14 aside, but it is Federal Circuit February 2004. They hit
15 that issue directly on point. By the way, this is just one
16 case. There are many Federal Circuit cases that say this.
17 "Nomos counters that Limitation A of Claim 1 should not be
18 interpreted so as to include a fixation device because
19 dependent Claim 3 claims a means for mounting.

20 "This argument, which relies on the concept of
21 claim differentiation, is unavailing. First, as in Laitram,
22 our interpretation of the corresponding structure comes from
23 the written description, not from dependent Claim 3. And,
24 therefore, the prohibition against reading limitations from
25 a dependent claim into the independent claim is not

1 violated.

2 "Second, claim differentiation, which is a
3 guide, not a rigid rule, does not override the requirements
4 of Section 112(6) when the claim will bear only one
5 interpretation."

6 Here is the key point, which is exactly our
7 case:

8 "In this case, only one embodiment is described
9 in the '026 patent. Therefore, the corresponding structure
10 is limited to this embodiment and its equivalents."

11 What we have in these particular patents,
12 especially in this patent, is one spectrum generating
13 circuit 50 and one DFT. And that's the only embodiment in
14 this patent. And the different means clauses in the
15 independent claims, that's the corresponding structure.

16 If you have a dependent claim that then calls
17 out augmented functions, it doesn't matter, because those
18 functions were performed in the one and only circuit that is
19 in the patent.

20 Their arguments about claim differentiation,
21 especially for this patent, don't apply in the
22 means-plus-function context, which these claims are.

23 I should probably read that cite into the
24 record. Nomos Corporation v. Brainlab, 357 Federal Reporter
25 3d, at Page 1364. I read from Page 1368.

:31:56 1 So that's all I wanted to say on this patent.
:31:58 2 The fundamental issue that drives most of the constructions
:32:01 3 is, what is a noise signal versus what is a noise spectrum.

:32:04 4 THE COURT: Thanks, Mr. Desmarais.

:32:08 5 Counsel. You have got this fundamental dispute
:32:12 6 over science?

:32:12 7 MR. ROZENDAAL: Your Honor, I don't think it is
:32:13 8 a dispute over science. I think it is a dispute over
:32:16 9 terminology.

:32:19 10 I think we agree that the science is such that
:32:22 11 what goes into box 68 that comes out of the calculating
:32:32 12 circuit 50 is is information about the noise plotted against
:32:43 13 time. And what comes out of discrete Fourier transform
:32:48 14 block 68 is information about the noise plotted against
:32:52 15 frequency.

:32:53 16 We agree that that is a noise spectrum. We
:32:57 17 think that, because it is exactly the same information
:32:59 18 represented differently, what goes in is also a noise
:33:02 19 spectrum. It is a little bit like saying, you know, before
:33:05 20 the revisions to the Federal Rules, res judicata was a
:33:09 21 concept and now the rules call it claim preclusion. It's
:33:12 22 the same thing. It's got a different name. Here we have
:33:14 23 the same thing, the same set of information represented
:33:18 24 differently. And our point is simply that the defendants
:33:20 25 are putting an emphasis on the words signal and spectrum

1 that is greater than is justified by the underlying science.

2 You have got the same information represented
3 two different ways, and they are saying, well, because it
4 says spectrum here and it doesn't say anything here, it must
5 be something completely different. Our point is that, you
6 know, if you call it a signal or you call it a spectrum, it
7 is the same thing. What matters is whether it is plotted
8 against time or plotted against frequency. We do agree that
9 by the time it comes out of box 68 it's plotted against
10 frequency.

11 THE COURT: Mr. Desmarais, is there a
12 disagreement?

13 MR. DESMARAIS: There is a disagreement, for
14 this reason, Your Honor. The way the claims are written,
15 they require that you have a noise spectrum, which is what
16 comes out here, is a noise spectrum, which is amplitude
17 versus frequency.

18 What Rembrandt is trying to do is say that the
19 noise signal, which is amplitude versus time, is the noise
20 spectrum. And they are interpreting the claim terms in the
21 claim where it says noise spectrum, they are interpreting
22 that, their proposed construction is to change noise
23 spectrum to noise signal.

24 So they are trying to change the claim language
25 to capture products that don't have a noise spectrum, which

1 is noise versus frequency.

2 Let me put it to you in more concrete terms.

3 See this complex DFT 68. We don't have one of
4 those. We do not change noise signals, which is noise
5 versus time on that wave. We don't change those to a noise
6 spectrum, which is noise versus frequency.

7 So the claims require you to have a noise
8 spectrum. So what they are trying to do -- this is what I
9 was talking about -- they are trying to say the plain
10 meaning of noise spectrum means any noise signal. And
11 that's wrong as a matter of science. Why are they trying to
12 do that? Because they want to capture products that don't
13 have the DFT, that don't convert signals to frequency plots.
14 They are trying to take their invention and broaden it out
15 to capture things that aren't even doing what they invented.
16 What they invented is taking noise signals, putting them
17 through what's called the discrete Fourier transform,
18 changing them to a spectrum versus frequency. They do that
19 for a very scientific reason, which is, once you have that
20 frequency plot, then you go in, if you read the
21 specification, you go in and you choose five points off the
22 frequency plot and you use that five points to go back in
23 and augment the particular frequencies that are transmitted.

24 If you don't have that discrete Fourier
25 transform and you don't create that frequency spectrum, you

1 can't do what is in their patent. Their entire invention
2 was about that. We don't do it. We don't have it.

3 So plain meaning here becomes critical. They
4 are saying the plain meaning is one thing, when it's
5 fundamentally not.

6 THE COURT: Sorry to interrupt like that,
7 counsel.

8 MR. ROZENDAAL: Your Honor, we take exception to
9 the suggestion that the science fundamentally associates the
10 word signal with time domain and spectrum with frequency
11 domain. The information is the same, and other than some
12 extrinsic evidence that they have cobbled together, there is
13 no reason to think that information about the noise can't be
14 called a noise spectrum, whether it is plotted against time
15 or against frequency. And in support of that I would point
16 to the slide that Mr. Desmarais put up at the beginning,
17 where he -- the beginning of the invention talks about a
18 frequency-dependent noise spectrum. We would suggest that
19 you wouldn't have to call it a frequency-dependent noise
20 spectrum if the word spectrum already meant
21 frequency-dependent.

22 MR. DESMARAIS: Can I show you one extrinsic
23 piece that I think answers the question?

24 THE COURT: I will give you a chance to come
25 back on this one.

1 MR. ROZENDAAL: With regard to the generating
2 means, we do agree that box 68, which is the box that does
3 exactly the transformation that we were just talking about,
4 the transformation from the time domain to the frequency
5 domain, the Fourier transform, is the item that generates
6 the parameters. So we have common ground on that.

7 Where we disagree is on the attempt by the
8 defendants to add additional structure that's not required.

9 What is required is that there be this
10 transformation from time to frequency. What is not required
11 is that the parameters chosen from the resulting
12 frequency-dependent spectrum be 709, 1145, 1800, 2455 and
13 2891 hertz.

14 The parameters can be taken from any
15 frequencies. If the Court were to read these particular
16 frequencies into the claim, or into the corresponding
17 structure, which are unnecessary, then we would end up
18 having lots of fights later on about whether or not the
19 frequencies actually used or the parameters actually used
20 are equivalent to these particular frequencies.

21 And the reference to the Laitram case or to the
22 later case that cited the Laitram case is inapposite,
23 because our point -- in Laitram, the situation was there was
24 one structure recited in the specification, there was a
25 means for, then there was a dependent claim that called out

1 the corresponding structure. The effect of applying claim
2 differentiation in that context would have been that there
3 would have been no structure left at all for the independent
4 claim.

5 Here we agree that there has to be a discrete
6 Fourier transform circuit. But the particular frequencies
7 that they want to make part of the corresponding structure
8 are not essential.

9 So we have a situation here where the evidence
10 of the dependent claim confirms that these frequencies are
11 not needed as part of the corresponding structure and the
12 structure should be limited only to those structures that
13 are necessary to carry out the claimed function.

14 MR. DESMARAIS: I just want to comment on the
15 one point about spectrum, because if you look at what the
16 two parties are offering you, they, Rembrandt, have come
17 forward with only lawyer argument that a spectrum, a noise
18 spectrum and a noise signal are the same. All they have is
19 lawyer argument.

20 What I have shown you is, number one, the plain
21 meaning. I have got Newton's Telecom Dictionary, and I have
22 Webster's New World Dictionary. And they both say exactly
23 the same thing. They say a spectrum is a continuous range
24 of frequencies. They say a spectrum is light going through
25 a prism or the intensity of any radiation or motion

1 displayed as a function of frequency, or wavelength, which
2 is what I am saying.

3 So I am supported by the plain-meaning
4 dictionaries. They have brought you no dictionaries.

5 Then if you look in the specification, the
6 patent uses these terms in only one way, which is the way I
7 am advocating. And it's at Column 3, it says complex DFT,
8 which is the Fourier transform, block 68, converts the phase
9 corrected noise signals in the time domain into the noise
10 spectrum in the frequency domain.

11 Then they tell you how that happens here, in the
12 noise spectrum generator circuit 50.

13 You look at how the patent describes noise
14 signal versus noise frequency. It is 100-percent consistent
15 with technical dictionaries. And it is 100-percent
16 consistent with what we learned in high school physics, that
17 if you send a wave or light signal through a prism, it
18 breaks it into a light spectrum.

19 So these are terms we have some understanding
20 of. The technical dictionaries are entirely consistent.
21 The patent is entirely consistent.

22 They are trying to change what's in the
23 specification, noise spectrum, into calling it a noise
24 signal. They are trying to change the words here. They are
25 saying, it is a plain meaning, I will call that spectrum a

1 noise signal. It couldn't be more clear than on their
2 demonstrative, where they are taking what comes out of the
3 DFT, the noise spectrum, and they are saying actually the
4 noise spectrum is back here.

5 So from your point of view, what do you have to
6 go on? You have got lawyer argument that the figure shows
7 you -- their interpretation is contrary to the figure in the
8 patent that said spectrum is here. And they are saying, no,
9 it's here. And on our side of the argument, you have got
10 your high school physics, lightwave, you have the technical
11 dictionaries, and you have the express description in the
12 specification that says noise signals go in, noise spectrum
13 comes out. A hundred-percent consistent with the figures.

14 THE COURT: You have the last word, plaintiff.

15 MR. ROZENDAAL: I will make it a short one, Your
16 Honor.

17 Mr. Desmarais's own demonstrative points to a
18 frequency-dependent noise spectrum. If the word spectrum
19 meant frequency-dependent, then that would be a redundant
20 expression. We don't think that's what the inventor
21 intended.

22 THE COURT: All right. What's next?

23 MR. ROZENDAAL: I believe the '444 is next.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 MR. ROZENDAAL: And last.

:42:59 1 May I approach, Your Honor?

:43:05 2 THE COURT: Yes.

:43:11 3 MR. ROZENDAAL: All right. The '444 patent, we
:43:28 4 have labeled the robust preamble patent, for reasons that
:43:32 5 will become apparent in just a moment. The problem that the
:43:35 6 patent addresses is that a modem waiting for the end of a
:43:40 7 period of silence on a transmission line needs to be able to
:43:44 8 distinguish an actual message from silence. And silence in
:43:49 9 the context of a modem is usually not complete silence.
:43:53 10 There is usually a carrier signal and there is some noise on
:43:56 11 the signal. And it may be difficult for the modem to
:43:58 12 distinguish noise on the signal from an actual message being
:44:01 13 transmitted.

:44:02 14 So the trick is to find a way to indicate the
:44:07 15 beginning of a message clearly and reliably so that the
:44:10 16 modem knows to pay attention, essentially.

:44:13 17 And the solution is to add a preamble, add a
:44:19 18 series of bits to the beginning of the message, of a
:44:22 19 particular kind, that makes it easier for the modem to
:44:25 20 distinguish the beginning of a message from silence.

:44:35 21 One of the features of the preamble and indeed
:44:39 22 the main feature of the preamble in this patent is that it
:44:42 23 is encoded at a lower bit-per-symbol rate than the body of
:44:47 24 the message. I am going to explain exactly what that means
:44:50 25 in just a minute. But to give you an idea of the concept,

:44:53 1 it is akin to speaking more slowly to get someone's
:44:58 2 attention.

:44:59 3 When I was a kid and my mom came into the
:45:01 4 kitchen and said slowly, "John Christopher Rozendaal," she
:45:06 5 would get my attention. The same principle is at work here.
:45:10 6 If you send something clearly and slowly, the modem will
:45:14 7 know that a message is coming.

:45:17 8 The concept of symbols Mr. Seitz touched on
:45:20 9 briefly in his introduction yesterday. Digital information
:45:24 10 exists in the form of 0s and 1s, or bits, binary digits,
:45:29 11 which are 0s and 1s. And you can have a modulation scheme
:45:32 12 in which there are only two different kinds of symbols sent
:45:36 13 across the line, one representing a 0, one representing a 1.
:45:41 14 That would be, for example, I could send messages like this,
:45:44 15 up would be a 1 and down would be a 0, and it would be
:45:46 16 relatively easy to distinguish between those two.

:45:49 17 If we could agree on additional symbols, if we
:45:51 18 could agree on four, for example, so down, sort of part way
:45:54 19 up, mostly up, all the way up, then with four different
:45:57 20 positions, we could convey four symbols which could be used
:46:01 21 to represent two bits of information each, as illustrated
:46:05 22 here on Slide 4.

:46:06 23 So the first one, down could be 00. Part way up
:46:09 24 would be 01. 10. 11 (indicating).

:46:13 25 We have already doubled the transmission speed

1 of our communication system, because now you can get twice
2 as much information from me each time you read a symbol from
3 me.

4 If we increase that again to eight symbols, so
5 that I have eight different positions (indicating) in which
6 I could put my arm, then we would be able to get three
7 different bits per symbol. But the problem is the more
8 symbols you have, the harder it is to distinguish between
9 symbols. If my arm is here, if these are two different
10 symbols, you might have trouble distinguishing which one I
11 intend, whether I mean 101 or 110. That is particularly
12 true if there is noise on the line that is causing my arm to
13 shake.

14 So it is very advantageous when clarity is
15 important to send messages at a low bit symbol rate, which
16 relies on fewer symbols.

17 We have just an illustration to get the idea
18 across of, for symbol rate you could have one set of
19 symbols. You could have eight different possible symbols
20 that would represent three bits. So each time a symbol came
21 across the line, a modem would translate that into three
22 distinct bits. Whereas if you have a different set of
23 symbols, which there are only four different symbols, that
24 would be translated into two bits.

25 What the '444 patent teaches is to use a lower

1 bit-per-symbol rate on the preamble, on the front part of
2 the message, than you use on the main part of the message in
3 order to make the preamble more robust, less prone to
4 errors, and more clearly interpreted as a preamble.

5 These are figures from the patents that
6 illustrate the differences between the different kinds of
7 bit-per-symbol rates. So in Figure 4A you have the example
8 of a two-bit-per-symbol system with four distinct points.
9 And in Figure 4B on the right, you have an example of what I
10 think is probably a-five-bit-per-symbol system with 32
11 distinct points.

12 We have arrows showing the distance between the
13 points. The point is, you are much less likely to confuse
14 the two points here on the left than you are to confuse
15 these two points here on the right. That means that the
16 lower bit-per-symbol rate on the left is a much more robust
17 and error-free way of communicating information.

18 This, incidentally, just sort of as an
19 interesting aside, this is what happens, the slicer in the
20 last patent we talked about, when the signal comes in and it
21 gets translated into a set of points, it ends up looking
22 something like this, and the error signal, or spectrum, or
23 whatever it is going to end up being, is calculated by
24 seeing how far off the receive signal is, the receive point
25 is, from the point that you know that the other side was

1 trying to send. If it is way out here, there is a big error
2 signal. If it is close in here, then you know there is not
3 much error.

4 Now, with the background on symbols, we can turn
5 to the description of one embodiment of this invention given
6 in the '444 patent. We can line up the main elements of
7 Claim 1 with Figures 3A and 3B.

8 We start out with a communication message, which
9 is illustrated here as a series of different symbols. There
10 is a preamble at the first part of the message. There is an
11 optional administrative header 42. Then there is a series
12 of what in this example are AM cells, which are essentially
13 data cells being transferred over the communications line.

14 Then the preamble, we can look at in more detail
15 in Figure 3B. And the specification tells us that Figure 3B
16 is a schematic view illustrating, in further detail, the
17 exemplar preamble of Figure 3A. This is really an important
18 point. It's an example. It's an exemplar preamble. It is
19 not the kind of preamble that has to be on every single
20 message in order for this patent to be infringed or for the
21 claim to be satisfied.

22 What the defendants will tell you when we get to
23 it is that every single element of this Figure 3B has to be
24 present in the claim, which is simply not true. This is
25 just an example. This is one embodiment.

1 The specification tells us that the preamble
2 includes a plurality of bits that represent communication
3 link control information or CLCI, as the patent calls it.
4 This is information about the communication link, which may
5 include, and then the example given here includes the
6 transmission rate, the receive rate -- and this is the rate
7 at which the modem that is now doing the sending is willing
8 to receive messages back. That's what is meant by the
9 receive rate here -- address information, possibly
10 additional formatting information. Those are things that
11 could be in the preamble.

12 Another feature of the example preamble that is
13 given here is that the first symbol is boosted by three
14 decibels. That means that the signal strength applied to
15 the beginning of the message is significantly greater, in
16 fact, three decibels basically means doubling the power on
17 the first symbol to clearly indicate the beginning of the
18 message. This is like if you had a beacon in the fog, you
19 made it twice as bright to indicate the beginning of the
20 message to, again, get the modem's attention.

21 There are dependent claims that specifically
22 make reference to this feature that talk about increasing
23 the energy of the first symbol, in the preamble. It is not
24 a requirement of all of the claims, however. And as we will
25 see, the defendants try to read this limitation into

everything, when, in fact, it is just an example and there are some dependent claims that cover it but it doesn't belong to every claim.

Then the claim tells us that the preamble is encoded at a lower bit-per-symbol rate relative to the maximum rate capable of being supported over the communications channel. Again, this is the idea that by making the preamble more clear and less prone to error, you increase the chances that the modem will accurately distinguish the beginning of the message as contrasted with the silence.

Again, the example given here is two bits per symbol. It could be any low bit rate, as the specification tells us.

So to summarize the key points of the invention as they are found in the abstract, using a lower symbol rate in the preamble reduces error and clearly and reliably delimits the beginning of the transmission. And an alternative additional way of delimiting the beginning of the transmission that is not required all the time would be to boost the power of the first symbol or of the preamble.

So with that introduction, we can dive into the claims.

Rembrandt has requested construction of two claim terms. We think that the rest can be handled with

1 plain meaning. The defendants have requested construction
2 of seven terms. And there are three main points with which
3 we take issue that we would like to address today.

4 The defendants would improperly require that
5 every message preamble begin with a first symbol transmitted
6 at a higher power than subsequent preamble symbols. There
7 are actually two problems with that. One is not only that
8 they would require it everywhere and not just in the
9 dependent claims. The other thing is that they would
10 require, where this boosting technique is used, that it
11 apply only to the first symbol of the preamble, and not to
12 subsequent symbols of the preamble, which is inconsistent
13 with the specification.

14 They would also require that every message
15 preamble contain precisely the same information shown in the
16 example preamble in Figure 3B. And they would require that
17 the bit-per-symbol rate in the preamble be limited to two
18 bits per symbol, even though the specification expressly
19 uses that rate for purposes of illustration only.

20 Okay. So we can now dive into Claim 1. We have
21 a system for robust transmission delimiting, comprising a
22 communication message including a preamble, the preamble
23 operating to frame the message and to delimit the message
24 from silence. Again, the idea here being to cleanly
25 indicate the start of a message.

1 And we think that framing the message and
2 delimiting it from silence is something that the jury can
3 understand without further elaboration. The defendants take
4 this opportunity to require that the preamble include a
5 first symbol transmitted at a higher power level than all
6 other preamble symbols, again, not just higher than the rest
7 of the message, but higher than other preamble symbols,
8 which is something not found in the specification. And they
9 also require that communication link control information
10 appear in the preamble and be used to precisely identify the
11 end of the message. Not the beginning of the message, but
12 the end of the message.

13 The claim does not require that the preamble
14 include a first symbol transmitted at a higher power level
15 than all the other preamble symbols. First of all, the
16 patent states that the first symbol can be sent using an
17 increased power level. That is optional. It is not in
18 every preamble. The claims distinguish between preambles
19 that have this boosting feature and those that don't.
20 Claims 24 and 35 use this boost, signal boost. But Claims 1
21 and 23, for example, do not.

22 So by simple claim differentiation, that should
23 not be read into Claims 1 and 23. And even where there is
24 boosting, as in Claims 24 and 35, the first symbol has to be
25 boosted, but the claim doesn't say that only the first

1 symbol can be boosted. I think what we will find is that
2 the defendants boost more than just the first symbol. They
3 boost a bigger part of the preamble or perhaps all of the
4 preamble relative to the body of the message, and they are
5 trying to interpret this in a way that will cause their
6 systems to fall outside the scope of the claim.

7 The patent does not require that the preamble
8 contain information used to identify the end of the message.
9 In Claims 1 and 23, the key information is the beginning of
10 the message. There are other claims, Claims 11 and 22 talk
11 about the end of the message using information to delimit
12 the end of the message. But again, under standard claim
13 differentiation, those limitations should not be read into
14 the claims where they don't belong.

15 Then we get into the issue of communication link
16 control information. And Rembrandt submits that
17 communication link control information is a programmable
18 pattern of bits to convey information regarding the
19 communication. Whereas the defendants want to take exactly
20 the sets of bits that are described in Figure 3B and read
21 them into every single preamble that's ever going to be used
22 with this patent.

23 And then we have sort of an odd terminological
24 fight about the claims to be construed. Rembrandt has
25 proposed construing communication link control information.

1 The defendants have insisted on construing a plurality of
2 bits representing communication link control information.
3 They then actually propose the same definition for both of
4 those terms, adding to the confusion. To the extent there
5 is any distinction, we would say a plurality of bits or just
6 multiple bits. I don't think that is a point that should
7 cause the Court much trouble.

8 The main point is that Figure 3B, which
9 defendants would read into the claim, is merely an exemplar
10 preamble. It is an example. It is a sample. It is one way
11 of doing it.

12 The example, when it is described, it says the
13 example includes information regarding the transmit rate.
14 It includes information regarding the receive rate.

15 That is why we say it includes information
16 regarding the communication. That is our definition of
17 communication link control information. So we take that
18 right from the specification. And the defendants would
19 require that the CLCI only include and always include the
20 particular information in Figure 3B.

21 All right. Now we can move on to the encoder
22 which encodes the preamble bits into symbols with the symbol
23 indices being encoded at a lower bit-per-symbol rate in the
24 preamble.

25 Now, the question then becomes lower than what?

1 And the claim says lower than the maximum rate capable of
2 being supported over a communication channel. The
3 defendants interpret that to mean the maximum receive rate
4 specified in the preamble that was just received.

5 As I mentioned when we were going through Figure
6 3B, the maximum receive rate, first of all, doesn't have to
7 be specified in the preamble at all because that's just one
8 element from Figure 3B that the defendants are reading in
9 there that doesn't have to be in there.

10 The information in the exemplar preamble about
11 the receive rate means the rate at which the transmitting
12 modem is willing to receive information back, which may or
13 may not correspond to the maximum rate that can be sent over
14 the communications channel. So if you had a very fast modem
15 and a very narrow or congested channel, then the receive
16 rate specified in the preamble, if it were going to be
17 specified at all, would not correspond to the maximum
18 capable of being supported over the channel.

19 The claim talks about the communications
20 channel. The receive rate that the defendants identify
21 talks about the transmitting modem, and not the channel.
22 And, as I mentioned, the receive rate doesn't have to be in
23 the preamble at all. That is just an example.

24 So this is an attempt by the defendants to sort
25 of cement their inclusion of this specific information from

1 Figure 3B into the claims where it doesn't belong.

2 All right. Having identified -- I will
3 anticipate comments on our definition on this. I will point
4 to it right now.

5 We have interpreted the maximum rate capable of
6 being supported over a communications channel as the highest
7 bit-per-symbol rate at which the data portion of the message
8 is sent. I think it would be grammatically more accurate to
9 say at which the message can be sent, because this talks
10 about capable of being supported.

11 In any event, the point is, if you are sending
12 the message over the communications channel, then you know
13 that the channel can support that bit rate. As long as your
14 encoding of the preamble is lower than that rate, you will
15 be sure to satisfy the condition that it be lower than the
16 maximum rate capable of being supported over the channel.

17 THE COURT: Let me ask you, just to go back to
18 Slide 24. Try this, I would like to get your reaction. I
19 will get the same from Mr. Desmarais: An encoder converts
20 the preamble bits into symbols at a lower bit-to-symbol rate
21 than the maximum rate capable of being supported over a
22 communication channel.

23 Would you like me to read that again?

24 MR. ROZENDAAL: Please do, yes.

25 THE COURT: It is taking part of the defendants'

1 proposed instruction and adding, I guess, a bit of a
2 difference. It may be a major difference.

3 An encoder converts the preamble bits into
4 symbols at a lower bit-to-symbol rate than the maximum rate
5 capable of being supported over a communication channel.

6 MR. ROZENDAAL: I think we are fine with that,
7 Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: All right.

9 MR. ROZENDAAL: Okay. Now we are ready to leave
10 Claim 1, go to dependent Claim 23 and talk about a couple of
11 means-plus-function terms.

12 In Claim 23, there is a means for applying a
13 preamble to a communication message, the preamble including
14 a plurality of bits representing communication link control
15 information.

16 Now, our first disagreement with the defendants
17 on this point is what the function is. It's pretty clear
18 from the text that applying the preamble to the
19 communications message is what the means is doing. If the
20 Court will look at Claim 23, I don't have a slide with it up
21 here, but you will see that what they have ellipse'd out of
22 their term is words from Claim 1 about framing the message
23 and delimiting it from silence, which they don't purport to
24 include in their function. Then they skip down further into
25 the claim. Having omitted that part of the function, they

1 then come back and say, oh, well, this other stuff that the
2 preamble does is also part of the function, and so that
3 ought to be construed. It is really I think an unfortunate
4 parsing of the claim on their part.

5 What you have to do is apply the preamble to the
6 communications message. If that is the function, then, as
7 you will see, all you need is, in the embodiment shown for
8 corresponding structure, this Figure 8 of the patent shows
9 an encoder. The encoder is controlled by this transmission
10 sequencer. The sequencer 236 controls this long vertical
11 item 224, which is the multiplexer, and by deciding which of
12 the inputs, sort of the left-hand inputs into the
13 multiplexer go out on the communication line, you control
14 what is going out on the communication line.

15 So here, to attach the preamble, what you do is
16 the sequencer tells the multiplexer, take the preamble from
17 one of these two inputs, take the preamble, and send it out,
18 and then take the message and send it out. And by
19 controlling this multiplexer, you take the preamble from
20 here and then you take the message from here, you take the
21 preamble from Lines 226 or 228, and then take the message
22 from Lines 257 or 256. That's how you attach the preamble
23 to the front of the message.

24 What the defendants would like is to take this
25 occasion to try to cement -- what they point to is this

1 structure over here, which is a different multiplexer that
2 assembles the preamble. And they don't even have structure
3 that attaches the preamble to the front of the message,
4 which is the function --

5 THE COURT: Let me ask you this, Mr. Rozendaal:
6 Consider the following structure. Transmit sequence at 236,
7 multiplexer 214, transmit rate element 206, and I will add
8 224, and equivalents.

9 MR. ROZENDAAL: Your Honor, we would object to
10 the inclusion of 214.

11 THE COURT: Why would that be?

12 MR. ROZENDAAL: That would be because 214 is not
13 what affixes the preamble to the beginning of the message.
14 214 determines what elements will go into the preamble,
15 which is not the function that we are concerned with in this
16 particular point of the claim.

17 THE COURT: So, then, transmit sequencer 236,
18 multiplexer 224.

19 MR. ROZENDAAL: That would be it, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Transmit rate element 206 and
21 equivalents.

22 MR. ROZENDAAL: 206, no, Your Honor. 206,
23 again, it is over here on the left. That's part of what
24 goes -- what may or may not go into the preamble.

25 THE COURT: Okay.

:08:06 1 MR. ROZENDAAL: All right. We have got one more
:08:08 2 means-plus-function element, which is the means for encoding
:08:15 3 the preamble bits into a plurality of symbol indices. We
:08:27 4 have a disagreement about the maximum rate capable of being
:08:31 5 transmitted over a communications channel. Again, that is
:08:34 6 just the same fight we had before appearing now in Claim 23.
:08:38 7 The structure, we agree, should be the preamble encoder 219.
:08:46 8 And this is similar to the disagreement we had in the last
:08:50 9 patent about the degree of whether the specific frequencies
:08:54 10 have to be included to carry out the function. Again, we
:08:57 11 have a situation where we agree there has to be an encoder,
:09:00 12 and it has to be a preamble encoder, and that's what we have
:09:02 13 here in Box 219. However, the patent makes it clear that
:09:07 14 the two-bit-per-symbol rate encoding shown in the disclosed
:09:11 15 embodiment is for purposes of illustration only. We see
:09:14 16 that expressly in the specification. And the patent tells
:09:17 17 us that any other low bit-per-symbol rate can be used with
:09:20 18 similar rates.

:09:21 19 So as long as we don't stick in particular
:09:24 20 bit-per-symbol rates here, we are fine with a preamble
:09:27 21 encoder.

:09:28 22 And that would bring us to the end of the last
:09:31 23 patent.

:09:33 24 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Desmarais.

:09:35 25 MR. DESMARAIS: Thank you, Your Honor. I am

1 excited to say that we are almost done. The '444 patent.

2 Okay. We will jump to the first term at Tab 1, which is

3 Slide 6.

4 So Claim 1, "The preamble operating to frame the

5 message and to delimit the message from silence." It's in

6 all the independent claims. If you look at the competing

7 constructions, Rembrandt's construction just essentially

8 repeats the claim language. They say, "an initial pattern

9 of bits to frame the message and still limit the message

10 from silence." Essentially, they are just saying leave the

11 claim the way it is. It doesn't tell us what it means to

12 frame the message and to delimit the message from silence.

13 The jury is not going to understand what that

14 means. The patent tells us what it means, though.

15 If you look at Column 7, Column 10 and Column

16 12, as we laid out here, we can go one at that time. The

17 patent tells us, "In accordance with another aspect of the

18 invention, the first symbol 55 representing the first bits

19 in the preamble 40 can be sent using an increased power

20 level, thereby clearly and robustly delimiting the beginning

21 of the communication message 31."

22 So it's telling us, what does limiting mean? It

23 means increasing the power level of the first bits. That's

24 what they tell us. You will see it in the next section, if

25 we go back out, Column 10. "In accordance with another

1 aspect of the invention, the first symbol 55 is encoded at a
2 rate of two bits per symbol and has its energy increased to
3 a point at which noise on the communication channel is
4 unlikely to cause a receiver to erroneously interpret the
5 first symbol 55 as silence."

6 So what it is telling us is, when we use the
7 phrase to delimit from silence, what we are telling you is
8 we are increasing the energy level so that this first symbol
9 is very different from the noise. That's what we mean in
10 this patent by delimiting from science. Later on they say,
11 "In this manner, the beginning of each transmission can be
12 clearly and robustly delimited."

13 Lastly, Claim 12, "In accordance with an aspect
14 of the invention..."

15 So each time, they are saying, this is the
16 invention, this is the invention. "...the first symbol 55
17 of Figure 3B in the preamble 40 is transmitted with
18 increased energy, thereby increasing the probability that it
19 will be reliably detected by the decoder of the receiving
20 device. In this manner, the beginning of each transmission
21 is clearly and robustly delimited."

22 Delimited is not an every-day term. It is not a
23 term the jury is going to understand. What it means in this
24 claim, what it means in this patent, is to boost the energy
25 of the first symbol so that you make it very different from

1 the noise on the channel. There is no other definition in
2 the specification and there is no other way to do it.

3 Then when you look at the figures, that's
4 clearly what they show in Figure 3B. You will see here,
5 that is the preamble. That is the exemplar preamble. The
6 first two bits per symbol are induced by db's, or decibels.
7 It is only the first two symbols. And it is exactly what
8 the patent says, boost the energy of the first two symbols.
9 That's what we mean by delimiting it from silence.

10 Rembrandt argues, and they argue in their brief
11 and they just argued now, that the patent actually discloses
12 two ways to delimit the preamble from silence. And that's
13 actually mistaken. What they say in their brief, and they
14 repeated it now in the argument, a message preamble may be
15 further distinguished from silence by making the beginning
16 more noticeable, that is, increasing the energy of the first
17 symbol -- actually, the one up is what we want. One reason
18 for the invention's effectiveness is that the preamble is
19 transmitted more clearly -- encoded at a lower
20 bit-per-symbol rate.

21 Then they say, it may be further distinguished
22 from silence by boosting energy.

23 So they are arguing in the brief that the patent
24 discloses two ways to delimit from silence. One is to speak
25 more slowly. And counsel gave the analogy of his mother

1 talking to him in a stern, slow voice, and saying doesn't
2 that delimit. That is not what the patent is talking about.
3 The patent is talking about delimiting is when you increase
4 the energy of the first symbol. The patent does talk about
5 slowing down, but it talks about slowing down so that you
6 don't make errors. And you can see. In Slide 12, there is
7 error-free coding and there is delimiting. Two separate
8 concepts.

9 So blow up the first one. There we go. "For
10 purposes of illustration only, the symbols that encode the
11 bits in the preamble 40 shown in Figure 3A are encoded at a
12 rate of two bits per symbol."

13 That's slower.

14 "However, any number of bits per symbol lower
15 than that of the normally transmitted data rate can be used
16 so long as the symbol rate allows a receiving device to more
17 reliably decode those symbols."

18 It's a different concept. "...thereby allowing
19 the symbols that are encoded at the lower rate of two bits
20 per symbol to be very robustly and reliably decoded by a
21 receiving device." So that the chance that it will always
22 be received error-free is greatly increased.

23 So the concept here in the patent, there is two
24 concepts disclosed. One is, how do we make sure the
25 preamble is going to be received error-free? And that's by

1 slowing down. So counsel's analogy about my mother saying,
2 hey, Mister, you are in trouble, talking slowly and clearly,
3 that is so you hear the message and you don't make any
4 errors in understanding the message. That is very different
5 from raising your voice, which delimits from silence, which
6 is the second thing the patent talks about.

7 So we pull out and we look at delimiting is
8 talking about raising your voice. It is talking about, "In
9 accordance with another aspect of the invention, the first
10 symbol 55 representing the first bits in the preamble 40 can
11 be sent using an increased power level, thereby clearly and
12 robustly delimiting the beginning of the communication."

13 So you have got two concepts. You want it
14 error-free, slow down for that preamble. You want to
15 distinguish it from silence, raise the energy of the first
16 two bits. That's what the patent teaches. In fact, counsel
17 showed you this abstract. The abstract says exactly that.

18 It says, "The lower rate symbols of the preamble
19 significantly increase the probability that the decoder will
20 decode the preamble symbols error-free." It doesn't talk
21 about delimiting when you are talking about slowing down.

22 Then the second concept, "The first symbol of
23 the preamble can be transmitted at a lower symbol rate and
24 at an increased power level, thereby clearly and reliably
25 delimiting the beginning of the transmission."

1 So when you look at what the patent is talking
2 about, it is talking about boosting the power for
3 delimiting, slowing down to be error-free.

4 The second difference between the two
5 constructions, two proposed constructions, is counsel for
6 Rembrandt argues that the preamble doesn't do anything about
7 the end. And that is just clearly contrary to what is in
8 the specification. If you look at Slide 13, in the
9 background of the invention, "It is also desirable to have
10 the ability to precisely delimit the beginning and end of a
11 transmission to within one transmitted symbol interval."

12 "Likewise, robustly delimiting the end of a
13 message enables a receiving transceiver to reliably decode
14 the entire message through the final symbol."

15 Summary of the invention, Column 2: "The
16 invention provides a method and system for transmission of a
17 message preamble in which the transmission of the preamble
18 is more robust than the data. In this manner, the beginning
19 and end of a transmission can be robustly delimited."

20 The invention here is, you have got -- you want
21 the receiver to know, okay, we are no longer silent. So we
22 are going to boost the first symbol, and we are going to
23 tell you we are going to delimit not only the front but the
24 end sound when it is stopping as well. That is what the
25 invention is.

1 Rembrandt argues in their brief, this is from
2 Page 16 of their brief: "But nothing in the '444 patent
3 teaches or in any way suggests that the preamble contains
4 any information about the end of the message."

5 That is just flat-out wrong, and I just showed
6 you the quotes. And the specification teaches the opposite.

7 There we see it again here on Slide 15.

8 "The format bits 66...the receiver uses this
9 information in conjunction with the transmit rate from bits
10 62 to identify the special symbols at the start of each ATM
11 cell and to determine the symbol that is the last in the
12 message."

13 Clearly, the preamble delimits the front and it
14 delimits the back. It's all through the specification. And
15 Rembrandt's argument in their brief is wrong and counsel's
16 argument that he just made a few minutes ago is wrong.

17 So if you look at the competing constructions,
18 Rembrandt's construction simply repeats the words in the
19 disputed claim language, giving it no definition to what it
20 means to delimit, and no definition to what the other uses
21 are for the preamble. And the jury is going to need that.
22 This is not technology the jury is going to understand.

23 If you look at our proposed construction, it's
24 exactly what this patent is about. The preamble includes a
25 first symbol transmitted at a power level higher than all

1 other preamble symbols to precisely identify the beginning
2 of the message and communication link control information
3 used to precisely identify the end of the message.

4 That is exactly what this patent does. And it's
5 exactly what that claim term means, the preamble operating
6 to frame the message and to delimit the message from
7 silence.

8 So the next term behind Tab 2 at Slide 17 is "a
9 plurality of bits representing control link information, or
10 CLCI, communication control link information, and related
11 terms.

12 We can see that in Claim 1. It is in the other
13 independent claim as well.

14 Then we can see the competing construction.
15 Now, here, again, just like with the last term, Rembrandt
16 just parrots the claim language. But in this particular
17 case, they actually make it a little broader than the claim
18 language. So again, they call it plain meaning. But if you
19 look at what they actually write, they say, in the first
20 construction, "multiple bits used to convey communication
21 link control information."

22 In the second one, "A programmable pattern of
23 bits to convey information regarding the communication."

24 "Regarding the communication." What does that
25 even mean? The claim term we are supposed to be

1 interpreting is communication link control information.
2 They have dropped the entire concept of control from their
3 proposed definition. They are trying to broaden it out
4 again. It is supposed to be information that controls the
5 link. And if you look at theirs, all they are saying is it
6 conveys information about the link. It is clearly wrong,
7 the Rembrandt proposal, when you look at the specification,
8 because there is something called an administrative header
9 42, which the patent tells us at Column 6, the
10 administrative header 42 is optional and can be used to send
11 information that is neither part of the preamble 40 or of
12 any data to follow.

13 Yet if you look at Rembrandt's proposed
14 construction of control link information, which is in the
15 preamble, it would sweep in administrative header 42 -- go
16 back one slide, please -- because they say it is a
17 programmable pattern of bits to convey information regarding
18 the channel, which the administrative header would do, which
19 the patent tells us clearly is not part of the communication
20 link control information.

21 So you can clearly see in that example, by
22 changing the term to get rid of the "control information"
23 words in Rembrandt's proposal, they are broadening out the
24 claim to cover something the specification clearly tells us
25 is not covered.

1 What is this control information? Slide 21,
2 please. The patent tells us very clearly what the control
3 information is. We see here in Claim 9, at Line 36, "The
4 bit stream preamble 40 comprises four bits 62 that include
5 information regarding the transmit rate, four bits 63 that
6 include information regarding the rate also in bits per
7 symbol that the receiver is capable of receiving, two bits
8 64 that identify the address," then there is two bits 64
9 that represent the address of the remote DSL transceiver,
10 and two bits 66 which can be used to communicate the format.

11 This is control information. It talks about the
12 transmit rate. It talks about the rate capable of
13 receiving. It talks about the address. It talks about the
14 format.

15 These are things that control the link. And
16 that's what this term is meant to include.

17 You look at Slide 22, you can see right from the
18 Figure 3B, transmit rate, receive rate, address, format, are
19 the kinds of things that control link information is.

20 Now, our construction, counsel accused our
21 construction of trying to read in all of Figure 3B and
22 Figure 3B just being an exemplar. That is not what our
23 construction does. Our construction doesn't say each one of
24 those has to be two bits and it has to be set up in this
25 fashion. Our construction merely says control link

:24:04 1 information merely is transmit rate, receive rate, address,
:24:07 2 formatting, and things of that nature, which is what we are
:24:09 3 supposed to be interpreting, what is control link
:24:13 4 information, because the jury is not going to have any idea
:24:15 5 what control link information is and we need to tell them
:24:19 6 what it is. And the patent tells us quite clearly what it
:24:21 7 is.

:24:24 8 If we jump to Slide 24, we can see, it's clearly
:24:29 9 described in the preamble, these things that we just talked
:24:32 10 about, message format, remote address, receive rate,
:24:37 11 transmit rate. All of these things there is no doubt is
:24:41 12 control link information.

:24:43 13 If we go back to the competing instructions and
:24:44 14 you look at our instruction, it says a -- the term is "a
:24:48 15 plurality of bits representing communication link control
:24:53 16 information," and our proposal is, "transmit rate bits,
:24:56 17 maximum receive rate bits, address bits where there is more
:25:00 18 than one remote, and message format bits decoded by the
:25:03 19 receiver to control communications over the link."

:25:05 20 It is not limiting. We don't say how many bits.
:25:07 21 We don't say it has to be two bits, two bits, two bits, like
:25:11 22 it says in Figure 3. We are not reading the preferred
:25:13 23 embodiment into the claim. We are instead just defining
:25:15 24 what does it mean to be a communication link control
:25:18 25 information, which is something the jury is going to need

1 help with.

2 Then we get to the means-plus-function claim --

3 THE COURT: In this one what I need to hear from
4 you about, on the next one, is structure.

5 MR. DESMARAIS: Yes. So let's go to Tab 3.

6 THE COURT: I need you to tell me why you
7 disagree with the Court and counsel's formulation.

8 MR. DESMARAIS: Before I jump to structure, let
9 me just make one comment. Rembrandt's proposed function
10 truncates the claim language.

11 THE COURT: I don't need to hear about function.

12 MR. DESMARAIS: If you look at the structure,
13 there is a -- first of all, there is a typographical error
14 in our chart that I want to point out. I think our chart
15 said 205. It was supposed to be 206. I have changed it on
16 this chart. 206 is the right number, not 205.

17 So there are the competing structures. If you
18 look at Rembrandt's proposal, they are saying Figure 8,
19 elements 224 and 236. If you look at the chart, they are
20 saying it's just this sequencer, and 224, the multiplexer
21 here. But the function is getting the preamble to the link.

22 Rembrandt might be correct if the preamble was
23 sitting here in the sequencer.

24 THE COURT: Let's assume for purposes of this
25 discussion that I agree with the plaintiff insofar as its

1 description of function. Let's assume that. And that is
2 applying the preamble to a communication message.

3 MR. DESMARAIS: Okay. Even with that, they are
4 totally wrong. Here is why. They would be right if, on the
5 structure, if the preamble was sitting here in the
6 sequencer. So in a previous step, this circuit assembled
7 the preamble and it was residing in a memory here or it was
8 residing in 224. Then to carry out the function, then, you
9 would just send the preamble onto the link. You would apply
10 the preamble onto the link.

11 THE COURT: So what structure do you propose?

12 MR. DESMARAIS: Let me show you how it works.
13 Each piece of the preamble is residing here in these yellow
14 boxes. It is not assembled at the point you apply it to the
15 link.

16 We see that here on Slide 31.

17 Put up Slide 31, please.

18 Slide 31 is the description in Column 15. The
19 sequencer has to assemble the preamble. So if you look, it
20 says here at Column 15, Line 4, "Figure 8 is a block diagram
21 illustrating the encoder 200 of Figure 7. The transmit
22 sequencer 236 commands the multiplexer 214 via connection
23 242 to select the first two bits of the four bits that
24 define the current transmit rate from transmit rate element
25 206."

:28:21 1 So what happened? Just take a step back and
:28:24 2 look at the figure.

:28:25 3 So the first thing that happens when we want to
:28:27 4 get that preamble onto the line, the sequencer has to go get
:28:31 5 the transmit rate and then has to instruct the transmit rate
:28:36 6 to go through this multiplexer and then get over to the
:28:40 7 other 224 multiplexer to get out onto the line.

:28:44 8 They are proceeding under the assumption that
:28:45 9 somebody has already assembled the preamble and it hasn't
:28:48 10 happened yet.

:28:50 11 We are back to Slide 31. The first thing you do
:28:53 12 is transmit. Then the next thing you do, "The next two bits
:28:57 13 of the transmit rate 62 are then scrambled and encoded in
:28:59 14 the same way." Next, the transmit sequencer 236 commands
:29:02 15 the multiplexer 214 via connection 242 to select the four
:29:06 16 bits representing the requested receive rate from receive
:29:10 17 element 204."

:29:11 18 If you go back to Figure 8, the transmit
:29:14 19 sequencer first goes to the multiplexer and gets the
:29:17 20 transmit rate into the multiplexer out on the line.

:29:21 21 Second step, it goes to the receive rate. It is
:29:24 22 out on the multiplexer, but out on the line.

:29:28 23 Slowly, it builds the preamble line. So if we
:29:34 24 got to Slide 32, what happens next? "If these are multiple
:29:38 25 remote DSL transceivers 150 and 155, then the transmit

1 sequencer 236 commands the multiplexer 214 via connection
2 242 to select the two bits representing the remote address
3 from the remote address element 202."

4 If we go back to Figure 6, it first gets the
5 transmit rate, then it gets the receive rate, then it goes
6 and gets the remote address, puts it on the multiplexer and
7 sends it out.

8 The last step, "Transmit sequencer 236 senses if
9 an administrative header 42 and/or ATM cells," blah, blah,
10 blah, blah, blah, "via connections 232 and 234,
11 respectively, and uses this information to prepare the
12 message format indicator which is loaded by the transmit
13 sequencer 236 via connection 207," which is the last step.
14 It goes up, gets the message format, puts it on the
15 multiplexer to put it out on the line. Rembrandt
16 misunderstands how the invention is described structurally.
17 They are assuming the transmit sequencer has the preamble.
18 That is not what happens. What happens is the transmit
19 sequencer has to go build the preamble to put it on the
20 line.

21 THE COURT: I got that point. I would like to
22 hear a response.

23 MR. ROZENDAAL: I guess we have a difference of
24 opinion about -- the preamble is going to -- it ought to
25 become apparent that the preamble is going to get attached

1 to the message by this multiplexer 224. The multiplexer 224
2 is going to get it by selecting inputs either 226 or the
3 228, which are going to come from the preamble encoder.
4 Whatever gets puts into the preamble encoder is going to be
5 the preamble that ends up put in front of the message. All
6 of these particular elements here are just different ways of
7 potentially building up a preamble.

8 But the attaching the preamble, which is the
9 only function of interest, is done by this multiplexer
10 selecting inputs, selecting one of these two inputs here.

11 THE COURT: Are you making an assumption that
12 you shouldn't be making, as argued by Mr. Desmarais?

13 MR. ROZENDAAL: I don't think so, Your Honor,
14 because the function is not assembling the preamble or
15 creating the preamble. It is just putting the preamble on
16 the front of the message. And basically, if this
17 multiplexer 224 selects inputs 257 or 256 here at the
18 bottom, it is going to be sending the message body. If it
19 selects inputs 226 or 228, it's going to be sending the
20 preamble.

21 So by picking between those inputs, that's what
22 attaches the preamble.

23 THE COURT: I understand the parties' positions.
24 Let's go on to the next, Mr. Desmarais.

25 MR. DESMARAIS: Yes, Your Honor. That is all I

1 intended to cover on this patent. Unless you have
2 questions, I can jump to the other issues.

3 THE COURT: You didn't want to talk about an
4 encoder included to encode -- I wanted to find out if you
5 agreed with my discussion --

6 MR. DESMARAIS: I thought your proposal was
7 acceptable.

8 THE COURT: That is fine.

9 MR. DESMARAIS: I should have told you that. I
10 am sorry.

11 THE COURT: That's okay.

12 All right. Anything else?

13 MR. ROZENDAAL: A brief couple points.

14 First of all, on the notion of delimiting from
15 silence, two points. First of all, the patent does indicate
16 two ways of delimiting the message from silence. We see
17 that in the abstract in the part highlighted actually by Mr.
18 Desmarais, it says, "The first symbol of the preamble can be
19 transmitted at the lower symbol rate and at an increased
20 power level, thereby delimiting from silence."

21 Delimiting from silence means, remember this,
22 letting the modem distinguish that a message is beginning.
23 So clearly, Mr. Desmarais tried to draw a distinction that
24 is not there between clearly and correctly receiving the
25 preamble and delimiting from silence.

:34:05 1 If the modem has clearly and correctly received
:34:07 2 the preamble, and recognizes that a message is beginning
:34:11 3 because it has received the preamble, then it has delimited
:34:13 4 the message from silence.

:34:15 5 So there is no distinction there. They are two
:34:18 6 sides of the same coin.

:34:22 7 Second, the claim differentiation point is one
:34:24 8 Mr. Desmarais failed to address. There are specific claims,
:34:26 9 24 and 35, that talk about boosting the signal power of the
:34:35 10 first symbol. Those claims would be meaningless if claims
:34:39 11 from which they depended already had that boosting
:34:42 12 requirement.

:34:43 13 Similarly, with regard to beginning and end, we
:34:46 14 have a similar argument. It is true, as Mr. Desmarais said,
:34:54 15 the invention can be used to delimit the beginning and end
:34:58 16 of a transmission. And some of the claims are directed to
:35:02 17 delimiting the beginning and some are directed to delimiting
:35:04 18 the end. And we haven't asserted the ones that are directed
:35:07 19 to delimiting the end. Those are Nos. 11 and 22.

:35:10 20 And, by the way, one of the reasons that you can
:35:14 21 tell that we are talking about the beginning is it's called
:35:16 22 a preamble. The preamble is what comes before the message.
:35:24 23 The way that the message delimits the end is not by using
:35:28 24 the preamble. What the invention teaches for delimiting the
:35:31 25 end is something different. This can be seen at Column 8,

1 Lines approximately 24 to 28 or so, which is not coming into
2 focus very well. There we go.

3 And what it says is that there is an extra bit,
4 which is identified as 54 or 61, indicating whether or not
5 the cell just started is the last cell of the transmission.
6 We can see this illustrated in Figure 3A. What the patent
7 does is, if cell 45 here is going to be the last cell of the
8 transmission, it will add this extra bit 61 right here to
9 the beginning of that cell, letting the system know that
10 this is going to be the last cell. And that's how it
11 delimits the end. That is not in the preamble at all.

12 Finally, with regard to communications link
13 control information, there was a, I thought, a telling
14 moment in Mr. Desmarais's presentation when he said, well,
15 you know, we are not really saying it just has to be what is
16 in 3B. We are just saying that control link information is
17 transmit rate and receive rate and things of that nature.

18 Well, our point is it is not just limited to the
19 specific things that are listed there. It could be any kind
20 of information relevant to controlling the communication and
21 their attempt to limit it by the specific example in the
22 specification is a classic example of importing limitations
23 that don't belong there.

24 MR. DESMARAIS: May I make one point, Your
25 Honor?

:37:24 1 THE COURT: I really do think I understand the
:37:26 2 parties' positions.

:37:29 3 So that leaves us with the '627. Right? Other
:37:32 4 than the fact that Mr. Reines isn't here, is there any
:37:36 5 reason we can't go forward?

:37:38 6 (Laughter.)

:37:43 7 MR. DESMARAIS: I think he was here. I think he
:37:46 8 just ran out.

:37:48 9 MR. SEITZ: Your Honor, I understand the need.
:37:51 10 I think the problem from our side is, because a separate day
:37:54 11 was set aside --

:37:56 12 THE COURT: I did that.

:37:57 13 MR. SEITZ: Not casting any blame on the Court,
:38:00 14 but our side, I think, from a preparatory standpoint
:38:03 15 probably needs --

:38:05 16 MR. BLUMENFELD: We are in the same position.
:38:07 17 An hour wasn't going to get it done anyway.

:38:11 18 THE COURT: We will reconvene at 9:30.

:38:14 19 MR. SEITZ: Could I just offer a parting gift to
:38:17 20 the Court?

:38:18 21 THE COURT: Is that your slides?

:38:20 22 MR. SEITZ: This is a CD, one for you and your
:38:24 23 clerk, for those nights when you can't sleep.

:38:27 24 THE COURT: How much time, Mr. Blumenfeld and
:38:33 25 Mr. Seitz, do you think we are going to need tomorrow?

:38:38 1 MR. SWEENEY: Your Honor, I think you have
:38:39 2 allowed three hours for each side, but I do not think it is
:38:43 3 going to take that long.
:38:44 4 THE COURT: I am going to amend that. I am not
:38:46 5 giving the three hours a side, not on this patent.
:38:49 6 MR. SWEENEY: We will work within whatever time
:38:51 7 frame you give us.
:38:52 8 THE COURT: What do you think you need?
:38:54 9 MR. BLUMENFELD: We anticipated less than two
:38:56 10 hours but close to two hours for our side.
:39:00 11 MR. SWEENEY: I think that would be fine for us.
:39:03 12 THE COURT: We can do that.
:39:09 13 MR. DESMARAIS: May I ask a question, Your
:39:10 14 Honor?
:39:11 15 THE COURT: Yes, sir.
:39:12 16 MR. DESMARAIS: I am not involved with the '627.
:39:14 17 I am assuming you are not expecting me to be here?
:39:17 18 THE COURT: Unless you want to come and watch
:39:20 19 paint dry. I don't mean to be mean.
:39:27 20 I would just offer this invitation. If there
:39:30 21 are any issues, since you are all here, that you want to
:39:34 22 discuss with me tomorrow, we can do that.
:39:39 23 MR. SEITZ: I think there may be an opportunity
:39:41 24 to do that, Your Honor. We are still at an impasse on a
:39:44 25 couple of protective order issues. Obviously, we are eager

1 to get one put in place. So I think Mr. Desmarais and I
2 have agreed, even though he is not going to be here,
3 hopefully somebody can handle that.

4 MR. DESMARAIS: Were you saying we should talk
5 about them now?

6 THE COURT: Tomorrow, if there are matters that
7 are ripe that you have discussed.

8 MR. DESMARAIS: I think the only issue is the
9 protective order issue. The Kirkland team wasn't planning
10 to be here tomorrow. I think we can discuss it in five
11 minutes if you had five minutes.

12 MR. SEITZ: I don't have the competing proposals
13 in my hand right now. I think the two issues are access in
14 house, and there was another one, too, and the patent
15 prosecution bar. I think those were the two.

16 I don't want to keep anyone over from the
17 Kirkland team to do that. But we do urgently need to get a
18 protective order in place.

19 The last time we raised this with the Court, you
20 were so darned busy, you said, don't bother me until August.
21 The proposal we had made earlier was five-page letters with
22 competing proposals and just let you decide it, if that
23 works for you, or we would pick a time sometime soon, maybe,
24 to get a telephone confrontation. Whatever the Court thinks
25 could help us resolve this.

:41:00 1 I think we both agree, we are at an impasse and
:41:04 2 we just need you to decide it.

:41:05 3 THE COURT: Again, the issues are, Mr. Seitz?

:41:07 4 MR. SEITZ: The scope of the patent prosecution
:41:10 5 bar is the first one. And the second issue.

:41:15 6 MR. LAMISON: Inside access to highly
:41:18 7 confidential information.

:41:21 8 MR. SEITZ: Who gets access to confidential and
:41:25 9 highly confidential information. We had made a proposal
:41:27 10 early on. In Texas, with some of the defendants, there was
:41:29 11 already a protective order agreed to. Our proposal was,
:41:33 12 hey, let's just say, you know, Comcast, they have already
:41:37 13 agreed to this. Let's just take the Texas order.
:41:40 14 Obviously, the counsel names need to be switched around a
:41:43 15 little bit. Let's use that and call it a day.

:41:45 16 THE COURT: What was the difficulty with that?

:41:47 17 MR. LAMISON: The equipment vendors were not
:41:49 18 parties to that case, and that type of information is
:41:52 19 different, and they would like to have additional
:41:54 20 protections. So we were meeting, conferring, having a meet-
:41:57 21 and-confer over those requests. One of the issues is
:42:01 22 in-house access. The Texas protective order does not
:42:03 23 provide the type of protection that we need for our highly
:42:06 24 sensitive information.

:42:08 25 THE COURT: Have you completed your

:42:11 1 meet-and-confer?

:42:12 2 MR. LAMISON: Not entirely, Your Honor. There
:42:14 3 is some information that we have asked for and if provided
:42:19 4 would help us.

:42:20 5 THE COURT: Mr. Blumenfeld.

:42:25 6 MR. BLUMENFELD: Mr. Lamison and Mr. Shaw and I
:42:27 7 have been the negotiators on our side. I also represent
:42:30 8 some of the networks who also had some problems. The way
:42:34 9 things were left was that the last communication I saw, at
:42:38 10 least, was that we offered to have another meet-and-confer
:42:41 11 either tomorrow or Friday. The process is continuing. As I
:42:45 12 said, the networks do still have some issues, also.

:42:48 13 THE COURT: Let's allow that process, the
:42:50 14 meet-and-confer process, to work its way forward.

:42:54 15 MR. SEITZ: It's been working out a long time.

:42:56 16 THE COURT: I am not going to get involved until
:42:58 17 it is completed. It seems like you are talking. That is, I
:43:02 18 think, preferable to the Court having to get involved and
:43:05 19 decide the issue at this stage.

:43:06 20 MR. SEITZ: In the event we are unable to
:43:09 21 agree --

:43:10 22 THE COURT: In that event, you should notify
:43:12 23 chambers, and I am trying not to be around here as much as
:43:16 24 possible for the next, for a little bit of time. I am not
:43:20 25 going to say how long. But I would make myself available

1 for a teleconference.

2 MR. SEITZ: Thank you very much, Your Honor,
3 because it is an issue of some importance that is holding up
4 some discovery, frankly. We appreciate the Court making
5 itself available.

6 THE COURT: If there are any other issues
7 percolating that you think, given that we have many counsel
8 here, that might be better addressed in person, or
9 efficiently addressed in person, we can do that tomorrow.

10 MR. SEITZ: Thank you very much, Your Honor, for
11 your attention today.

12 THE COURT: Thank you. We are adjourned

13 (Court recessed at 3:45 p.m.)

14 - - -

15 Reporter: Kevin Maurer
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25